

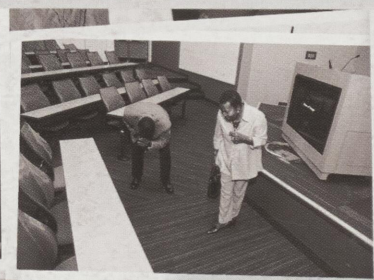
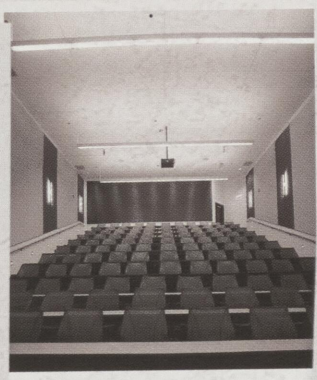
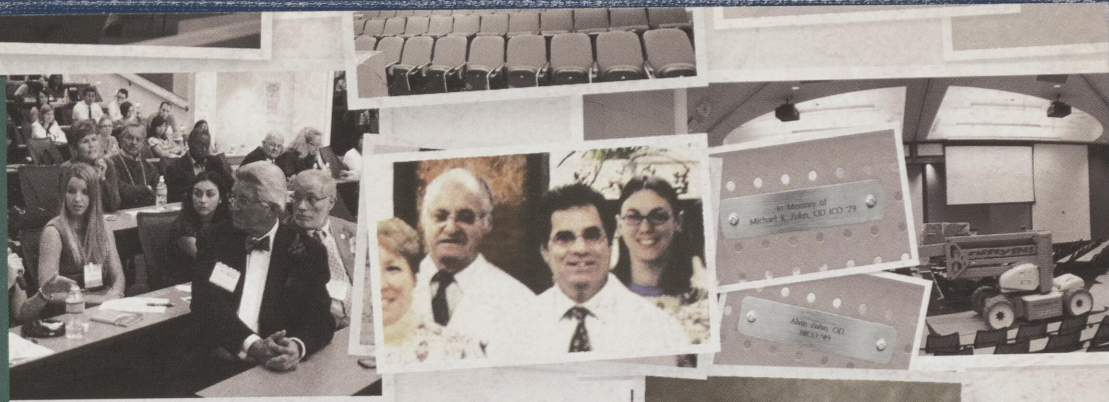
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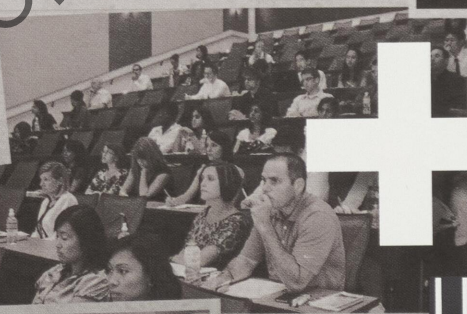
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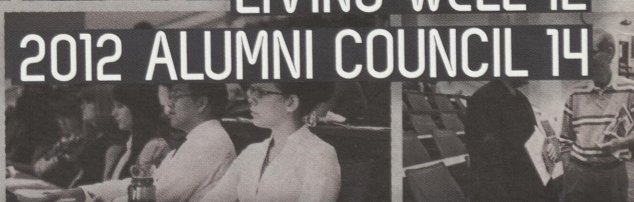
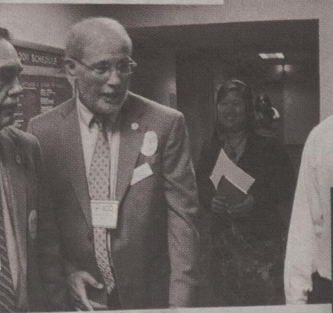


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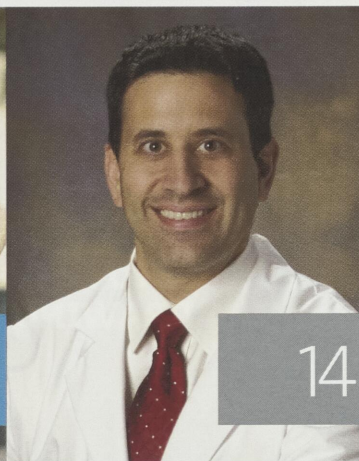


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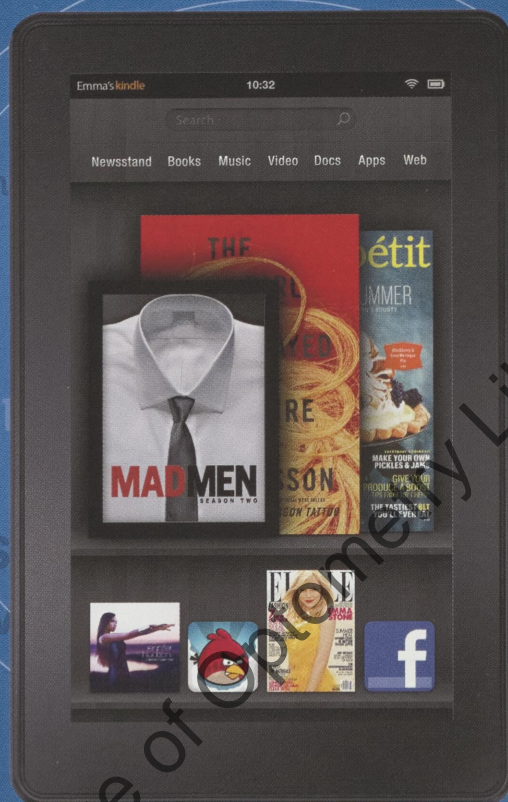
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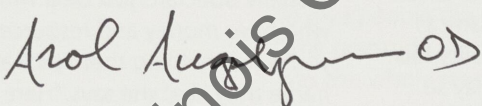
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This issue of *ICO Matters* presents our Annual Report, where we celebrate the many accomplishments of our Illinois College of Optometry programs during the past year. Indeed, we have much for which to be proud. I am pleased to also report our accomplishments were made while being good stewards of our money. We operated our programs within budget, we added to our facilities without borrowing additional funds, and increases in student tuition have been modest within the last several years.

But any successful program like ICO must look to the future to assure that our leadership in optometry education blossoms. During the upcoming year, look to ICO – through the outstanding work of the Illinois Eye Institute – to begin receiving a return on the investment in NextGen, a robust electronic health care record system. We are eligible to begin receiving significant incentive dollars for our implementation of this system because our doctors see such a high percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients, and because we meet the “meaningful use” criteria. The details of this new system were explained in the Fall 2011 *ICO Matters*.

In addition, the state of Illinois has promised to provide \$2.6 million in much-needed capital funding during the next several years. We received the first installment of \$500,000 last year, and this year we anticipate receiving an additional \$1 million for capital projects. Such funding, in addition to the Name a Seat Campaign, has allowed us to build a state-of-the art Lecture Center during the past year.

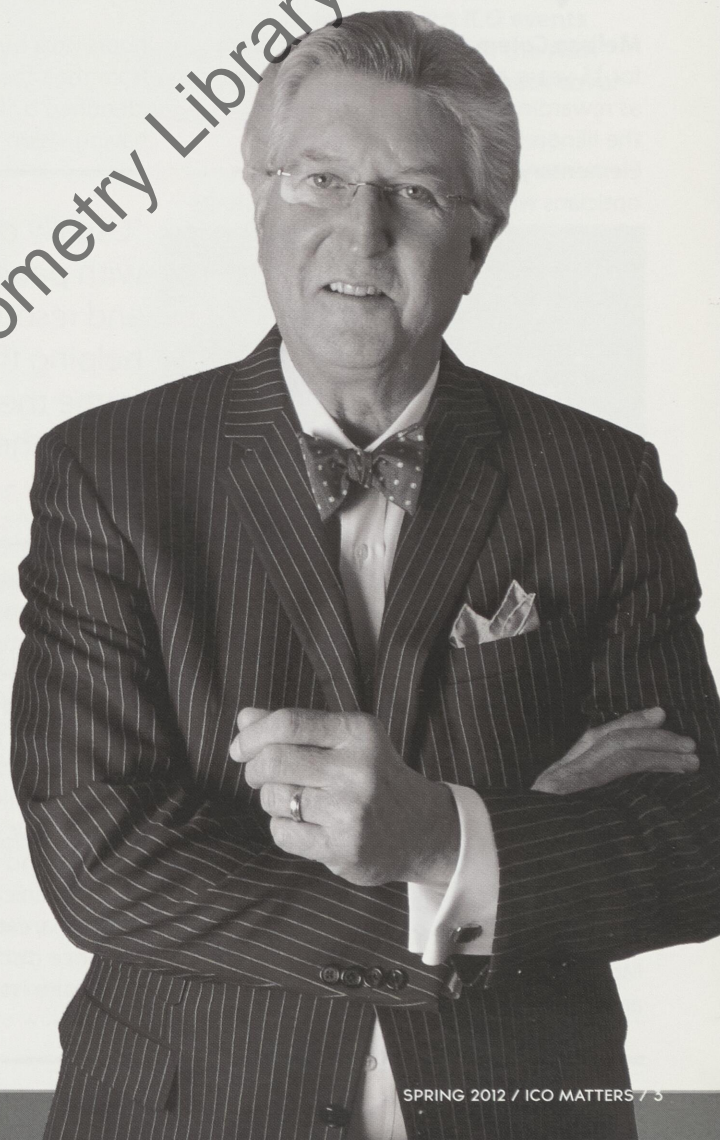
Our curricular offerings will continue to be highly responsive to the professional practice needs of our graduates, no matter which state they practice in. The support, encouragement and financial contributions of our alumni and friends assure that the Illinois College of Optometry has the margin of excellence to meet our current and future challenges. Thank you in advance for your support in 2012.



Arol Augsburger, OD
President

CELEBRATING SUCCESS WHILE LOOKING AHEAD

A Message From the President



INFOCUS



Clinic Marks One-Year Anniversary of Helping Chicago School Kids



Melissa Coleman has been an optician for 15 years, but nothing has felt quite as rewarding as her experience with the Illinois Eye Institute at Princeton Elementary School. She is one of three opticians who delivers glasses to students after they've been seen at the clinic, which is often the first time they've ever had an exam.

When she meets with a student, she puts his or her glasses on and tells the child to look at the clock.

"They've been going so long without being able to see properly," she says. "Most of the time they say 'Wow! Everything looks so big and so close to me!'"

The Princeton clinic began seeing students in January 2011, opening its doors to bring vision and eye care services to children in the Chicago Public Schools. One year later, the clinic reports seeing 5,100 students, with the vast majority of them – at least three-quarters – needing refractive correction, according to **Sandra Block, OD '81, MEd**, ICO professor and medical director of school-based vision clinics.

Most of the patients seen at Princeton are brought to the clinic during school

hours on a bus with other students from the school, and each has been identified by teachers as possibly having vision problems or has failed

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the vision screening. They are given a comprehensive eye exam and, if necessary, fitted for glasses that are then delivered several weeks later. "The clinic originally was intended for as many as 100 students per day, but the reality has been closer to 45 students per day so that each child can be given the proper attention," Dr. Block says. In addition to children who need glasses, doctors and student clinicians also have seen cases of glaucoma, cataracts, accommodative and vergence disorders, strabismus and other eye-health issues.

"To me, we're only tapping the tip of the iceberg," Dr. Block says. "There is so much more that these kids need. Maybe someday we can expand our services so we can provide that kind of care. We currently make a lot of referrals to the Illinois Eye Institute, but the challenge is that often the reason kids come to Princeton with their school was because their parents didn't or were not able to follow through. I'm not blaming anyone — it's just for one reason or another they couldn't. So it would be nice for us to be able to provide that care here."

Coleman has worked as an optician in many different settings, from corporate optometry to private practice, and she says the experience at Princeton is like no other.

"Usually opticians just deal with people who have money and resources and you're just helping them pick a style of frame they like," she says. "Here, you are giving the child the gift of sight."



WEB EXTRA

Watch a video of the Princeton Elementary School clinic in action and hear more from Dr. Block about what the past year has been like at www.ico.edu/iei-at-princeton.

AOA President to be ICO's 2012 Commencement Speaker

American Optometric Association President **Dori Carlson, OD**, who has demonstrated a deep commitment to the education of optometry students across the United States, will be the keynote speaker at the ICO Class of 2012 commencement ceremony.

Dr. Carlson, the first woman to serve as president of the AOA, also will be granted the doctor of science of optometry honorary degree during the May 19 event at Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus.

"The entire ICO community is very proud to have Dori Carlson as our commencement speaker this year," says ICO President Arol Augsburger, OD. "She has spent a great deal of time meeting with optometry students around the country, and we are confident her words will inspire our graduates as they leave ICO and begin their careers as optometrists."

Dr. Carlson was elected to the AOA Board of Trustees in 2004, re-elected in 2006 and became president in June 2011. Prior to taking office, she embarked on the highly popular Dori 20/20 tour in which she visited all 20 optometry schools in the nation within 20

months to talk to students and faculty and learn what matters to the next generation of optometrists. She chronicled her experiences on her blog, www.dori20-20tour.org.

"I look forward to speaking at the ICO commencement," Dr. Carlson says. "It's exciting to see the fourth-year students I met during my 20/20 Tour embark upon their careers in optometry. I'll be challenging them in my address to be thinking about 'Who Will You Be?'"



Dori Carlson, OD

Dr. Carlson's visit to Chicago comes a little more than a month before the AOA's Optometry's Meeting, which also will be held in the city. **For details about ICO events being held in conjunction with the AOA meeting, please see the inside back cover of this issue.**

VOSH trip to Kenya

Ralph J. DeHaan, OD '85, led a 12-day Iowa VOSH trip to Kenya this past December, bringing along two ICO students for the experience. Dr. DeHaan has taken eight volunteer trips, four of which have been to Kenya. This time, **Lindsay Wiebers** and **Kassandra Wedeking**, both from the ICO Class of 2013, joined his team on the trip.

Wedeking says the highlight of the trip for her was "giving a little boy glasses and seeing him smile." She believes the experience will make her a better optometrist when she graduates next year.

"I will not take for granted the ability I have to give people the gift of sight," she says. "The gratitude I experienced on this trip was the whole reason I chose to become an optometrist in the first place!"

Wiebers agrees that it was a life-changing event.

"People were so grateful and appreciative of what we were offering. No matter the conditions the local people were always in great spirits," she says. "This experience will



help me to really look at a person as a whole when providing them care."

15th Anniversary of Practice Opportunities Symposium



The ICO campus is the place to network **Friday, March 23**, at the 15th Annual Practice Opportunities Symposium. As many as 30 doctors and practice management experts from across the country are expected to be on campus to talk with students about their experiences and opportunities. A similar event featuring Canadian opportunities will be held April 14.

"It is a great way for alumni to reconnect with students and the campus, as well as make some inroads in building vital relationships for filling future needs," says **Tracy Faulkner**, ICO's career development counselor. "Those needs could be hiring a new doctor, selling an entire practice, or something in between."

She says the symposium has changed considerably since it began in 1997.

"It went from a very traditional panel format to a progressive and trendsetting series of interactive discussions," she says. "It now includes the doctors students wanted to hear from and the practice modes they wanted. They can choose to see and talk to whomever they want. It's their program, their way."

Crystal Strickler, OD '06, has attended the Practice Opportunities Symposium as both a student and a practicing optometrist, and says the experience has been valuable in each of those roles.

"For students, the POS is a great way to begin thinking about the process of what to do after you graduate," Dr. Strickler says. "Even if you are really thinking about getting through that next exam, I encourage everyone to stop by and listen to some of the speakers, go to the exhibit hall afterwards, and most of all take something important away from it. This is such a golden opportunity to network, network, network."

Likewise, she says alumni have valuable lessons to teach students about what it's like to be an optometrist in the field – and about the twists and turns in any career path.

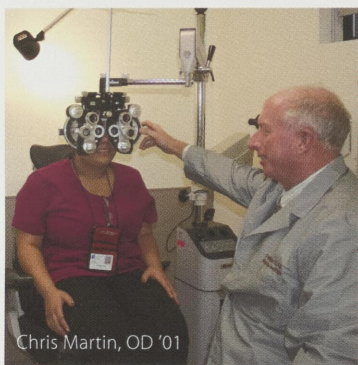
"Being out for close to six years now, my path has definitely changed along the way," Dr. Strickler says. "I think it is important for alumni to be involved to really show students all the different ways to practice. I have been a part of the POS now for the past two years and I love to talk to students and answer any questions they have about my experiences in the different modes of practice I have been involved in."

For more details about this year's Symposium, e-mail tfaulkner@ico.edu or call (312) 949-7403.



"This is such a golden opportunity to network, network, network."

Alumni Making A Difference at New IEI Satellite Clinic



Chris Martin, OD '01

Two ICO alumni are making a difference for the underserved through their support of a new Illinois Eye Institute community-based clinic.

Chris Martin, OD '01, is staffing the new IEI satellite clinic at the ACCESS-Ashland location. The clinic, located about 5 miles from ICO and the IEI, provides eye care for mainly low-income and uninsured patients. Dr. Martin is there two days per week, offering refraction, eye health examination, binocular vision testing, glaucoma screening, dilated retinal exams, computerized visual field testing, and treatment of eye disease.

Dr. Martin says the experience has been very gratifying so far, especially being able to serve a population that has had to go without optometric care for a long time. The goal is for the clinic to be a "one-stop shop" for patients, where they can see their primary care physician and an optometrist in the same visit. Whenever possible, Dr. Martin will give the referring primary doctor a report on the patient's eye exam and any further treatment required.

"The primary care doctors love it because their focal point for each patient is total care, and I'm a specialist connected to them," he says. "I get to be a true member of the medical family and a part of the community. You have smiling patients and smiling providers. I love going to work."

The care Dr. Martin provides is enhanced greatly by the efforts of **Jeff Smith, OD '83, MBA**, a member of the ICO Board of Trustees. Dr. Smith was instrumental in the donation of equipment for the ACCESS-Ashland Clinic.

"Having been raised in Chicago, I know this neighborhood and I am confident there are many in need of basic eye care," Dr. Smith says. "I am proud of ICO's community-based programs."

Dr. Smith also arranged a donation of approximately 12,000 frames to be used for the IEI's Vision of Hope Health Alliance (VOHHA) program and other charitable programs within the IEI. **If you would like to help IEI serve the underserved, please contact development@ico.edu.**

Certified to Serve



Air Force Col. Philip Hasler, OD '86, Commander of the Truax Field-based 115th Medical Group, has an awesome responsibility: ensuring the pilots and support staff on the Madison, Wisc., base are ready to respond to any homeland or global mission.

He recently received confirmation from the Air Force that he is doing just that, earning a rating of Operationally Ready after an intense five-day inspection.

"Inspectors looked at medical and dental records, making sure the base population is filling in all the squares to stay prepared to deploy at a moment's notice," Col. Hasler says. "They also looked at anything from the public health on the base to environmental issues – every little piece related to the health of the base."

Truax is an F-16 base near Madison, Wisc., housing 18 fighter jets and 1,200 people, including 52 pilots. In addition to preparing for the Air Force inspection, Col. Hasler's team is now part of a CERFP mission. CERFP, which stands for Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) - Enhanced Response Force Package, is

an emergency response package that brought 47 more people to the base, along with six trucks and six trailers loaded with emergency medical equipment.

The base will have its CERFP evaluation in June 2012. Once it passes, the entire CERFP team and equipment can respond to a natural disaster anywhere in the world.

Col. Hasler, a member of ICO's Leadership Circle and a Name A Seat campaign participant, followed in the path of his father, James Hasler, a 1949 graduate of ICO and 1999 recipient of the ICO Presidential Award. That tradition will continue with Col. Hasler's daughter, Rachel, who hopes to attend ICO after she graduates from the University of Iowa next year.



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Every Nameplate Tells A Story

If chairs could talk, the ergonomic new swivelers in the renovated ICO Lecture Center would burst into cheers, celebrating the donors who put their name – or that of someone special – on seats throughout the hall.

Story By **Molly Woulfe**

Almost half the 461 seats in the \$3.5 million, state-of-the-art Lecture Center have been snapped up since the launch of ICO's Name A Seat campaign began last summer. Nearly 200 silver nameplates already have been installed, and every chair could be "booked" before the yearlong initiative ends June 30.

If you're hoping to get Seat No. 65, though, you're out of luck. Stephen Mazur, OD '97, called first dibs.

As a first-year, Dr. Mazur staked a claim to the chair's creaky predecessor, occupying it so faithfully that it became a running gag with his dorm mates in Brady Hall.

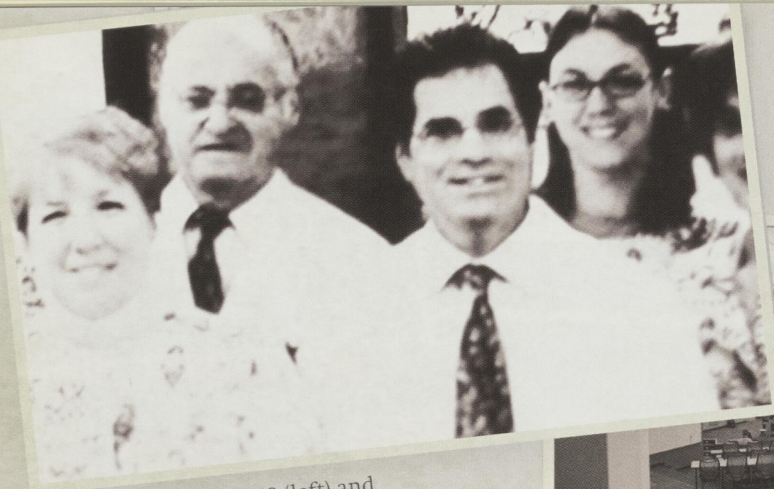
"When the opportunity came to purchase a seat in the renovated lecture room there was no doubt Seat 65 had my name on it," the Calgary, Alberta, optometrist says. "So I purchased Seat 65 to celebrate that memorable first year, and to honor my friends in the Class of 1997! Let the memory live again."

Overwhelming Response

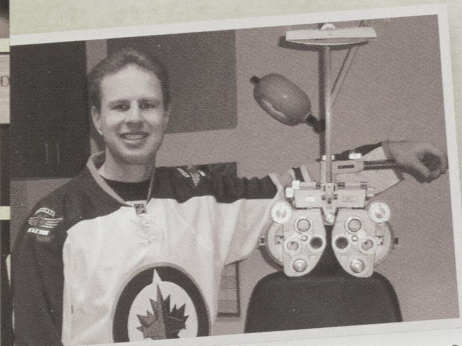
Every nameplate in the sleek, dove-gray hall tells a story. Together, they speak volumes about collective loyalty and affection for ICO.

"We're truly amazed," says Dwight H. Akerman, OD '80, the ICO Board of Trustees member chairing the drive. "Often times, when an institution asks alums for donations, it's viewed with skepticism. However, we've certainly not experienced that as evidenced by this campaign. We're well on our way to our target of selling each and every seat."

Just as gratifying are the stories shared by donors and alumni who signed up "for the opportunity to commemorate their years at ICO in a very positive way, or to memorialize or honor someone they care about," Dr. Akerman says.



{ Alvin Zohn, OD '49 (left) and
Michael R. Zohn, OD '79 (right) }



{ Stephen Mazur, OD '97 }



{ Dwight M. Akerman, OD '44 }

{ Dwight H. Akerman, OD '80 }

He chose to do both. Dr. Akerman, director of professional affairs at Alcon Laboratories in Fort Worth, Texas, purchased two seats next to each other in the center. One plaque is engraved with his name "to thank ICO for the outstanding education provided for me." The other is dedicated to his father and mentor, Dwight M. Akerman, OD, who died at 91 in 2010. He was a 1944 graduate of Monroe College of Optometry, a predecessor of ICO.

"He was so proud of being an optometrist, so proud of his profession, and so proud that I became an optometrist and followed in his footsteps," says Dr. Akerman, whose father practiced for more than 50 years in LaSalle and Streator, Ill. "He was my father and best friend. We're together in the front row center, side by side, forever."

Family Matters

That kind of sentiment is what inspired the campaign last June, and it's what has driven seat sponsorship at a brisk pace. The front and back row chairs are the most popular, but there are still prime spots remaining at the platinum (\$1,200), gold (\$800) and silver (\$400) levels. Supporters can request a particular or random seat.

Mark Colip, OD '92, and vice president of student, alumni and college development at ICO, believes the decision to open the seats to sponsorships has made the Lecture Center even more of a campus centerpiece.

"As the oldest college of optometry in the United States, ICO has many traditions," Dr. Zohn says. "The Name a Seat campaign allows us to link the latest and greatest in technology for our current students with the generosity, stories and traditions of our most supportive alumni."

Family ties are a recurring theme in the campaign. Even bittersweet back stories are tinged with a sense of legacy and unshakable commitment to the future.

Thelma Hottel, widow of Philip Hottel, OD '48, reserved a chair in memory of her husband of nearly 60 years. Dr. Hottel, a longtime Iowa City optometrist, died in 2009 at age 83. For his wife, the engraved nameplate serves as an eternal valentine to her husband.

"He always joked that he married an older woman. I was five weeks older than he was," Mrs. Hottel says, adding that she hopes her granddaughter will one day attend ICO.

ICO information clerk Anthony Barone – himself an ICO fixture at the main entrance – bought two seats: one for his late parents, Pasquale and Josephine Barone, and one for his late uncle and aunt, Carmen and Jenny Delabadia. He says the first-generation Italian immigrants raised him with love, and their devotion never wavered when he left school at 16 due to undiagnosed health issues.

"It's just a way of not forgetting them and showing respect for them so their memory will stay alive," says Barone, 74.

Alvin Zohn, OD '49, "sat down and wrote a check right there" after touring the new Lecture Center during Homecoming 2011. The 86-year-old optometrist from Toledo, Ohio, commissioned one for himself and one as a tribute to his son and fellow alum, Michael R. Zohn, OD '79. The younger Zohn lost his battle with cancer in 2008.

His son was the campus shutterbug during his ICO days, Dr. Zohn says. The gadget-loving Mike would have been "flabbergasted" by the high-definition TV screens, laptop and Wi-Fi friendly desks, and webcasts of lectures.

Like son, like father. The senior Zohn is very impressed with the tiered hall and its movable walls, ergonomic seats, and cutting-edge audio systems, pronouncing it "just marvelous."

What's in a Name?

By their nature, all inscriptions are meaningful. And some are enigmatic, none more than "The Four Horsemen of Optometry."

Floyd Mizener, OD '48, DOS, PhD, confesses he came up with the Bible-inspired tag, a play on the nickname for Knute Rockne's famous backfield players. The members of his quartet, all World War II vets, revised Illinois vision care guidelines instead of gridiron history.

He personally helped draft "Rules of the Road" vision requirements for then-Secretary of State Jim Edgar in the 1980s, Dr. Mizener says. Fellow "Horsemen" Lawrence R. Vogel, OD '48, and the late Floyd W. Woods, OD '51, and Irving Kernis, OD '37, backed him, teaming with him to spearhead laws ensuring schoolchildren receive comprehensive vision exams by eye doctors.

The surviving Horsemen and the Woods and Kernis families hope their chair will inspire today's students to do the same – and form those same kinds of bonds that last decades.

His co-Horsemen "were always ready to listen on the telephone, ready to act, ready to do something," says Dr. Mizener, 86, of Darien, Ill. "Age-wise, we were not all too far apart. We had the same common denominators: We came out of the services, got into the profession, and saw things that needed to be done for the better interest of the people."

History of Giving

For Mary Beth Woehrle, OD '90 – and countless other alumni – sponsoring a seat is a way to thank someone for their support on the road to becoming an optometrist. She invested in two chairs in honor of her father and her late mother, John and Shirley Woehrle, of Jeffersonville,

"They were instrumental in helping me get through school," says Dr. Woehrle, who practices in Greenwood, Ind. "My parents paid for all my schooling, undergrad and ICO. I asked my father, when I was out of school, how to pay him back. He said, 'I just want you to do the same for your kids some day.'"

She plans to oblige. In the meantime, she is delighted to point out "their" seats to her 6-year-old daughter. Dr. Woehrle earmarked two stage-right seats because she lectured on that side during her seven-year term as an ICO instructor.

Dedicating two chairs to her parents "is a small way for me to say 'Thank you,'" she says. "My lifestyle is dependent on my education. And they gave it to me."

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This photo from 2003 shows (left to right): the late Dr. Floyd Woods; Dr. Floyd Mizener; Vision First Foundation founder Janet Hughes; Dr. Lawrence Vogel; and the late Dr. Irving Kernis.

If you want to Name A Seat

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living well:

Alumni Balance Taking Care of Themselves with Helping Patients

by Jacqui Cook



Aaron Werner, OD '08

At the end of a busy day seeing patients in his private practice, Aaron Werner, OD '08, doesn't relax with a bowl of potato chips in front of the television. For someone who has completed three Ironman Triathlons in the last four years, that's not even close to what he considers "relaxing." Instead, he grabs his three kids, heads to the park and runs laps while they ride their bikes or run around.

Dr. Werner caught the marathon bug when he was an ICO student and a classmate invited him to run the Chicago marathon. He did his first Ironman – a grueling 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a marathon (26.2 miles) done in that order without a break – shortly after graduation. Since then, he continues to make fitness a priority, now finding it to be the ideal way of balancing the demands of work and family.

"I think everyone needs a way to relieve stress and escape the world for a little bit," says Dr. Werner, who works five or six days per week in the practice his father established near San Diego. "Being active is my way of doing that."

He is not alone in this belief. For many alumni, staying physically fit helps them manage their busy lives by providing a way to relax and relieve stress, as well as giving them the stamina they need. When the new year rolled around two months ago, it's a good bet many others vowed this would be the year they figured out how to incorporate fitness and wellness into their lives while still meeting all the other demands.

|| Where to Begin

"There is no bad day to start exercising and eating healthier," Sarah Engle, ICO's fitness coordinator says. "If you didn't start January 1, pick another day to start. It's not too late."



Sarah Engle, ICO Fitness coordinator

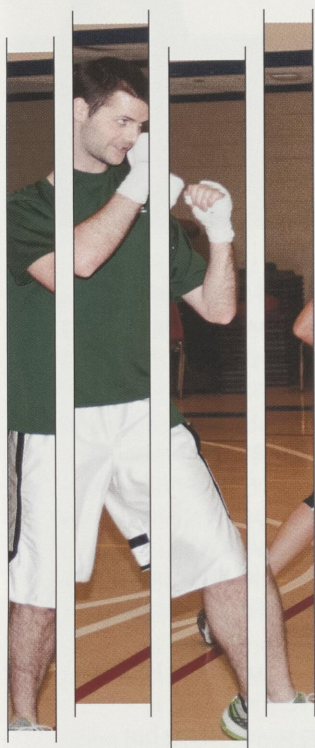
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The Department of Health and Human Services recommends adults get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity. Engle says to keep it small and simple if you are just getting started on a fitness routine.

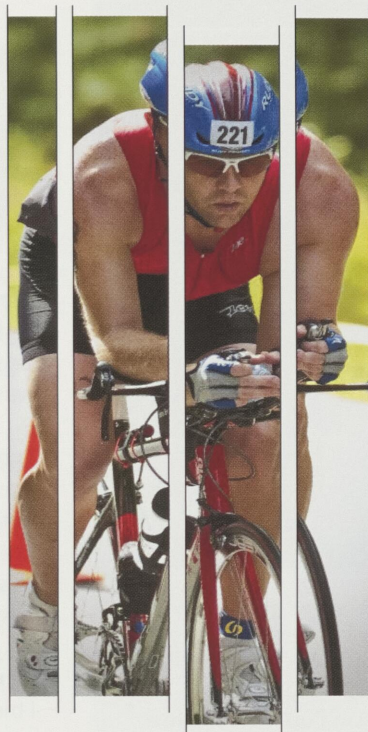
Alumni may not be aware of this, but the ICO Fitness Center is available to you at no charge. Just contact Engle at sengle@ico.edu or (312) 749-7460 to let her know when you're coming. She can show you some exercises to do to help you achieve your goals and introduce you to gym equipment in a non-intimidating setting.

She stresses that anyone can benefit from changes in diet and exercise, no matter how old you are, how long it's been since you worked out, or what date is on the calendar.

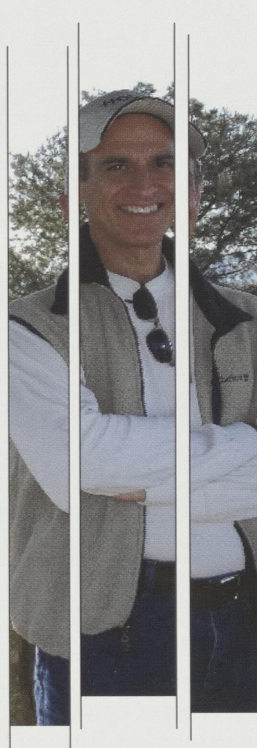
"Try adding in an after dinner walk around the neighborhood or performing a short set of push-ups and squats," she says. "Climb an extra flight of stairs in your home or office. Little additions to your daily activity can help prepare you to make bigger exercise commitments."



Mitch Boyv, Class of '14



Aaron Werner, OD '08



Jeffrey Anshel, OD, FAAO '75



Hanna Froehlich, Class of '14

|| Linking Wellness to Vision

Jeffrey Anshel, OD '75, FAAO, wakes up at 6:15 a.m. five days a week to make sure he gets in an hour of exercise. He's been a diet and fitness enthusiast since he worked at an alternative healing center in the 1970s, advising patients on links between good nutrition and vision care. He has since become an expert in the field of eye health and nutrition, serving as president and founding director of the Ocular Nutrition Society and writing five books about vision care. Last year, Dr. Anshel published a revised edition of *Smart Medicine for Your Eyes*, a guide to natural, effective and safe relief of common eye disorders that includes a significant amount of information on nutrition for healthy eyes.

Dr. Anshel says not only does being active benefit him personally, but it also sends a message to his patients that it is important.

"You can't be 30 or 40 pounds overweight and talk to patients about nutrition," he says. "The doctor just needs to be willing to take that step to look at their own life and see what they need to do to turn things around."

He suggests starting by contacting a local nutritionist for advice on both healthy personal food choices and what you can incorporate into your practice.

"Our lifespan is getting longer, but our health span is not," Dr. Anshel says. "We are living longer with chronic disease. Your lifestyle and life's purpose is on the line here. You can't be a health care provider if you're not healthy yourself."



Cheri Mabin-Crouch, PhD

"The most important aspect of leadership is leading yourself."

|| Setting the Example

Cheri Mabin-Crouch, PhD, is a certified leadership and life vision coach who also knows what it's like to be in an optometrist family. She is married to Craig Crouch, OD '90, who is in practice in Storm Lake, Iowa, with his father, Donovan Crouch, OD '63, FAAO. Like Dr. Anshel, she says optometrists who spend time taking care of themselves are exhibiting good leadership to their families, staffs and patients.

"The most important aspect of leadership is leading yourself," she says. "If you don't do a good job leading yourself and taking care of yourself, then you can't take care and be effective within your organization and you can't be effective with the people you serve."

The best way to get started, she says, is to first decide what you like – and don't like – to do. Then incorporate that activity into your life the way you would any other appointment.

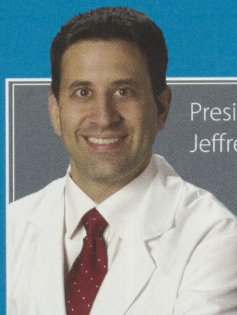
"Take a look at your calendar and see if it's filled with patients – or is there something also scheduled in there that you're passionate about," she says. "This could be a challenge for someone who says, 'Well, I'm passionate about optometry.' But there has to be time for you to get replenished."

Dr. Werner already has this part down, and has communicated that message to his staff. He blocks out time on his schedule to work out at the YMCA nearby, and they know it is part of his routine.

"If you hope it happens, it won't happen. If you schedule it, it will happen," he says. "Blocked out time is blocked out time. I schedule administrative time, patient care time and I have my time. You don't compromise on any of them." ■

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Get to know the New Alumni Council President & Members



President:
Jeffrey R. Varanelli, OD '98

Personal: Born in Waterbury, Conn., graduated from ICO in 1998. Married to Jeanette (Carbone) Varanelli, OD '97, and father of 9-year-old girl and boy twins.

Professional: Bachelor's degree in biology from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. Currently practices with an ophthalmologist in metro Detroit.

ICOM: What are your memories of being at ICO?

Dr. Varanelli: I had many professors at ICO who were great teachers, excellent leaders in the profession and wonderful motivators. One of my early mentors was Dr. Richard Madonna, who was the chief of optometry at Castle Point VA in New York when I did one of my fourth-year externship rotations there. We still remain in contact to this day.

ICOM: Were you involved in any leadership roles as a student at ICO? What other leadership roles have you held during your career?

Dr. Varanelli: I was a class representative for our third and fourth years, and served on the Student-Faculty Relations Committee. Since graduation, I have served in executive positions and as president of the Metropolitan Detroit Optometric Society. I have held several positions within the Michigan Optometric Association and currently serve on the Bylaws and Resolution Committee. I am on the Development Committee of the newly formed Anterior Segment Special Interest Group of the American Academy of Optometry. Outside of ICO, I am the current director of Circolo dei Medici, a society for physicians of Italian descent.

ICOM: What do you hope to accomplish during your term as Alumni Council President?

Dr. Varanelli: My goals are simple: I would like to see more alumni involvement both financially and in mentoring our students and new graduates. I realize there may be obstacles in trying to accomplish these goals, but our current Alumni Council is composed of motivated individuals who want to keep ICO at the forefront of optometric education. With the group we have in place, as well as with the resources at ICO, I think we are headed in the right direction. I also would like to see the newly formed Alumni Association Scholarship continue to grow and eventually become endowed so we can award deserving students for many years to come.

ICOM: What are the challenges of optometric education today?

Dr. Varanelli: I think the most pressing concern is scope of practice. We need to constantly adapt to the changes within our profession and practice to the levels that we are taught and trained to. Refraction is still a critical fundamental of optometry, but we also need to progress as a profession and realize that change is not a bad thing.

ICOM: Besides serving on the Alumni Council, in what other ways do you support ICO?

Dr. Varanelli: I am a member of the Leadership Circle, and I also return to ICO for First Year Orientation to lecture to the incoming students. I have participated in the past during the Practice Opportunities Symposium as well.



Sandra Block, OD '81,
MEd, FAAO
Morton Grove, Ill.
Faculty at ICO

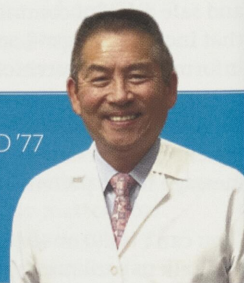
I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when... I was finishing my undergraduate education. My father was an optometrist and loved his work.

I chose ICO because... My father was a graduate of NICO, plus I was getting married and my fiancé was a policeman in Evanston, Ill. I wanted to stay close to him. We got married between second and third year.

When I was a student at ICO...

I tried to be very involved. I was active in several clubs but was most active in SVOSH.

I give back to ICO because... I feel ICO has allowed me to become a health care provider who is able to make a positive difference in the lives of our patients, students and other eye care providers. My experiences have helped me become passionate over the years about what we do. I believe this is a result of the students and their interest and excitement about providing eye care to children and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Tommy L. Lim, OD '77
San Jose, Calif.
Private Practice

I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when... During my visits to my optometrist throughout my youth, I enjoyed the experience and benefited so much from his help that I chose optometry as my profession. There were no other professions considered.

I chose ICO because... I did not get into the two California schools of optometry. But I can honestly say that going to ICO instead of going to optometry school locally has made me a much better person, professionally and personally. The experience of going away to school and meeting the caliber of ODs at ICO groomed me for my roles in the profession years down the road. Going to ICO opened up my world.

When I was a student at ICO... I can still remember the first day I arrived in Chicago. The cab ride was an adventure. I had never seen hub caps for sale that were mounted on the side of a building. And when I got to Brady Hall, the old house across the street had just burned down a few days before and was still smoldering.

I give back to ICO because... So many optometric mentors shared their wisdom with me, I want to do my part to help the next generation of ODs.

Nikki Rai, OD '03
Toronto, Ontario
Faculty at the
University of
Waterloo



I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when... I shadowed an optometrist and saw how he made people smile behind the phoropter, one after the other, day after day.

I chose ICO because... I had heard about the great clinical experience one gains from being in a dynamic city like Chicago and the types of patient cases one sees at the IEI.

When I was a student at ICO... I hated Sundays because of "quiz day" Monday! Ugh!

I give back to ICO because... Being back in a school setting like Waterloo makes me think a lot about my days at ICO. I am so grateful for my education and the amazing instructors who bestowed knowledge on us.

Larry Van Daalen,
OD '87
Waverly, Iowa
Private Practice

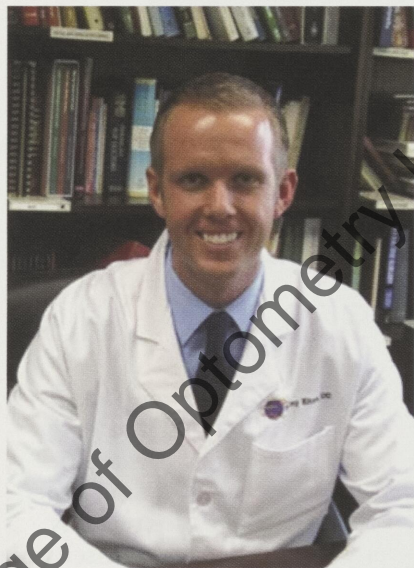


I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when... I was in undergraduate school and visited Bob Sharp, OD '77, who was and still is one of the best optometrists in Iowa. It was great to see how he cared for his patients, how he interacted with each person. From that moment, I felt that this is what I would like to do.

I chose ICO because... At the time, ICO was the closest optometric school. I thought it would be very important to be close and go home for all the holidays and breaks.

When I was a student at ICO... The first year, when all of us were unsure if we really belonged at ICO, we had Dr. Porter in Ocular Anatomy. Dr. Porter had his own special way of picking on certain class members. He made up interesting nicknames, he poked fun at some of my classmates. But the bottom line was, he knew the subject extremely well and he made a difficult subject interesting.

I give back to ICO because ... My oldest daughter is in her second year at ICO. There is a great joy in talking with her about different subjects and her experiences. It gives me a unique bond with my daughter, and I am grateful for that.



Dr. Elton is currently a refractive and ocular surgery resident at Minnesota Eye Consultants in Minneapolis.

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TURNING A CORNER ON A NEW AVENUE

The innovative Volunteers In Policing program (VIP) has taken another step by introducing a citizen manned Traffic Safety Vehicle Program.

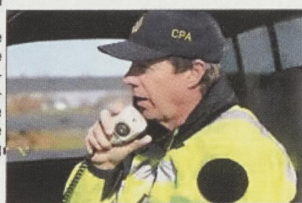
The primary purpose of this vehicle will be to assist stranded motorists, but they may also assist with other traffic control issues for vehicles in the roadway, such as vehicles involved in collisions. Civilian volunteers will ride with a field training officer for orientation and experience, in preparation for their VIP schedule.

A police pickup truck has been painted and striped, has a light bar and directional and strobe lights for roadside visibility, and communications radios. It is equipped with flash lights, traffic cones, flares, fire extinguisher, gas can, warning signs, and jumper cables. Volunteer drivers will be to investigate stranded vehicles or disabled motorists and radio for a tow truck or other assistance. Vehicles may be marked for later towing with orange stickers. Volunteers will also be trained to assist at certain accidents and traffic control situations.

Two CPAAA members are currently participating in this program. Thus the truck is on the road on a limited schedule, and operates only during daylight hours. If you are interested in volunteering for this, and have 3-4 hours per week, please contact Assistant Chief Robert Stack (rstack@lexingtonky.gov) or Sergeant Dean Marcum in the Traffic Section (dmarcum@lexingtonky.gov).



When you are driving and see the Volunteer Safety Vehicle assisting citizens, you will see another way that the CPAAA is Backing the Blue.



VIP volunteer Ward Ransdell (2) sets warning cones, and relays information to communications

1948

Marion E. Fray (NICO) retired in December 2011 after practicing in the Moberly, Mo., area for 38 years.

1949

Jerome K. Wohl (NICO) celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary with his wife Mildred in June 2011. He would very much like to hear from his classmates and fraternity brothers from Gamma Omega Phi. Mildred would like to hear from her fellow members of the Dames Club. They can be reached at wecu90@earthlink.net. Dr. Wohl now practices two days a week and at 92 thinks he may be the oldest practicing optometrist in New York.

1964

John C. Whitener retired from the American Optometric Association, the National Commission on Vision and Health, and the AOA Council on Research in December 2011 after serving 34 years. Throughout

his career, he has successfully launched numerous programs, improved access to vision care for the public, and frequently "pushed the envelope." He thanks all who have made his career enjoyable, challenging and rewarding.

1969

Robert P. Rutstein served as the lead author of the recently published *American Optometric Association Clinical Care Guidelines on Strabismus*. He also recently presented the poster "Aniseikonia and Its Effect on Binocular Vision in Ametropic Patients following Cataract Surgery" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Boston.

1973

Michael Cron, dean and professor at the Michigan College of Optometry, announced his retirement as of August 2012 after serving the college for 34 years. During his career, he has worked with every class that has graduated from MCO. Since

becoming dean, Dr. Cron has been responsible for overseeing and helping coordinate the construction of and move into MCO's \$26.7 million state-of-the-art facility.

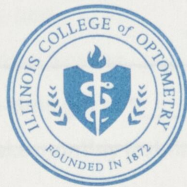
1974

Ward R. Ransdell is part of the citizen-manned Traffic Safety Vehicle Program to assist stranded motorists and other traffic control issues on the roadway in Lexington, Ky., as part of the innovative Volunteers in Policing Program. **1**

1978

Randall L. Beatty, a colonel in the Air Force Reserve, is currently serving as the ophthalmology consultant for Afghanistan at the theatre trauma hospital at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. An OD/MD, Dr. Beatty plans to return to his practice of Orbital/Oculoplastic Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh when his tour is over. **2**

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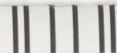
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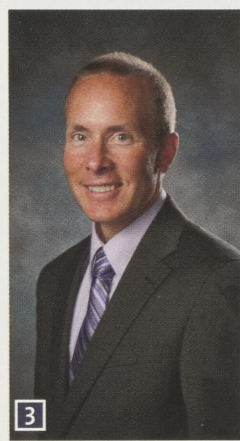
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Minick Maino has been appointed to the American Optometric Association's Theater Project Team for Optometry's Meeting in Chicago. He was also one of five appointed to the AOA Poster Abstract Review Committee.

80

Dr. L. Emer reports that his son, Amin, has been accepted into the CO class of 2012. In January, Amin accompanied Dr. Emer on his fifth mission trip to Sabana in the Dominican Republic.

82

Thomas M. Bobst has been appointed to the Ohio Board of Optometry by Gov. John Kasich. Dr. Bobst is the past president of the Ohio Optometric Association and practices in North Olmsted, Ohio.

1987

Jeffery Sarazen was elected president of the Wisconsin Optometric Association last September. He currently lives and practices in Wausau, Wis., as part owner of a three-doctor practice, Envision EyeCare. **3**

1988

Brad Habermehl was awarded the Michigan Optometric Association's "Optometrist of the Year" at the MOA Winter Seminar on Feb. 1.

2003

Karmen Holdinghausen and Jeff Kuznitz are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Jeffrey, on July 27, 2011. Tyler was welcomed by big sisters Hayleigh, 4, and Breanna, 3.

2010

Tiffany M. Andrzejewski won the AOAs 2011 Contact Lens and Cornea Section Student-Resident Essay Travel Grant for her paper, "Management of the Dry Eye Patient," while doing her cornea and contact lens residency at the Indiana University School of Optometry.

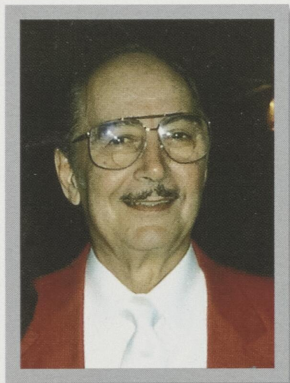
Delia Groshek and Michael Landy exchanged wedding vows Sept. 3, 2011, in Chicago. They honeymooned in Hawaii and are currently living in Jamestown, N.Y. **4**

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Tiffany Polanek, clinical assistant professor of optometry at ICO, welcomed baby boy Paxton Glenn Polanek on Nov. 28, 2011.

IN MEMORIAM

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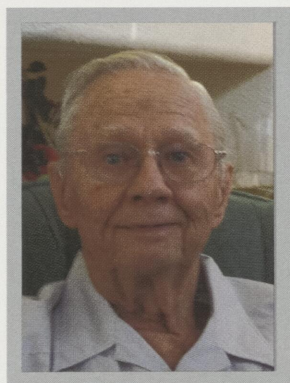


Ned P. Hobbs, NICO, of Darlington, S.C., died Jan. 5, 2012. He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He later served as president of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry, the South Carolina Optometric Association (SCOPA), the Southern Optometric Association, and the Pee Dee Optometric Society. He was

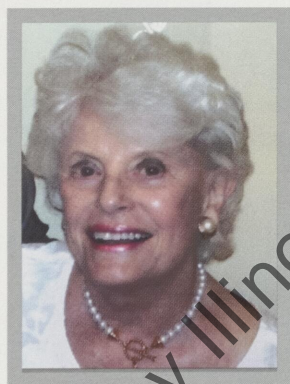
a life member of the American Optometric Foundation. He was named SCOPA'S 1966 Optometrist of the Year and 1976 Fellow in the South Carolina Hall of Fame, as well as World Optometric Ambassador in 1991.

1948

Jack R. Carpenter, NICO, of Columbiana, Ohio, died June 27, 2011, of congestive heart failure.



Robert F. Friske, NICO, of Tucson, Ariz., died Sept. 25, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps and upon graduation, specialized in Low Vision Rehabilitation. He was active in the Arizona Optometric Association, serving as president in 1965 and named Optometrist of the Year in 1974.



Mary J. McConnell (nee Gates), NICO, of Davidson, N.C., died Jan. 6, 2012. She served for years as the North Carolina legislative representative for eye health care.

Merle B. Reynoldson, NICO, of Junction City, Kan., died Oct. 16, 2011.

Robert H. Sluiter, NICO, of Grand Haven, Mich., died Sept. 10, 2011.

1949

James Allen DeClue Sr., NICO, of St. Louis, died Nov. 16, 2011, due to congestive heart failure. He served in the Army during WWII. He later was the first black man to become an optometrist in the state of Missouri. Dr. DeClue was a tireless civil rights pioneer and activist, following the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Medgar Evers, and received many awards as recognition of his efforts. He was bestowed the Founders Award from the National Optometric Association and "Dr. James A. DeClue Day" was declared in 1994.

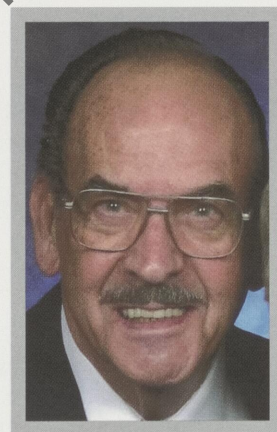
Roy Menning, NICO, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Sept. 25, 2011.

Robert D. Sobieski, NICO, of Fort Pierce, Fla., died Oct. 19, 2011, due to congestive heart failure.

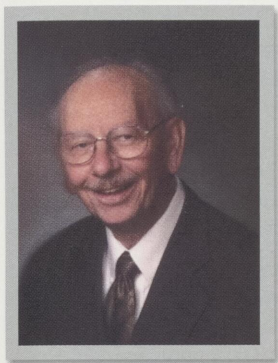
Stanley Philip Weiss, NICO, of Highland Beach, Fla., died Oct. 7, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

1950

Roy Meyers, CCO, of Summerville, S.C., died July 14, 2011.



Maurice C. Niemann, NICO, of Camdenton, Mo., died Nov. 11, 2011. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.



William L. Samson, NICO, of Onawa, Iowa, died Dec. 7, 2011.

John S. Stanard, NICO, of Littleton, Colo., died Oct. 24, 2010.

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Jacob Greenfield, NICO, of Pompton Plains, N.J., died in November 2011.

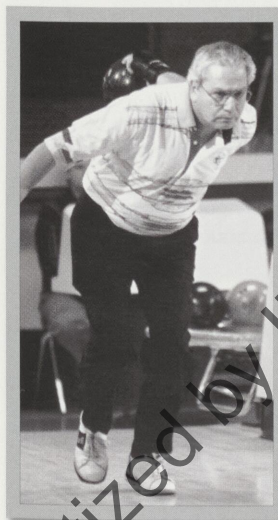
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Bradford G. Davis of North Fort Myers, Fla., died May 16, 2011.

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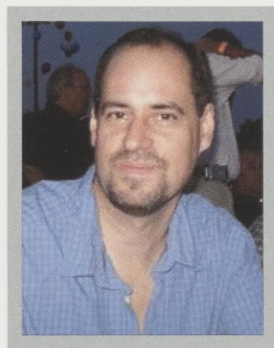
Gilbert Kemp, of Olympia, Wash., died Nov. 6, 2011. He practiced optometry in Juneau, Alaska, for 39 years before retiring to the Olympia area. He volunteered at the Lions Eye Center and his corneas have been donated to benefit the Lions Eye Bank.

1963



Melvyn D. Wolf, of Jackson, Mich., died Dec. 24, 2011, after a three-year battle with cancer. He served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force. Dr. Wolf also was a senior professional bowler and was inducted into the Jackson Bowling Hall of Fame in 1986.

1990



Raul E. Tramontana, of Cincinnati, died Nov. 20, 2011, at age 47. He practiced in Greater Cincinnati for the past 20 years.

1995



Douglas W. Baltrip of Maybee, Mich., died Nov. 17, 2011, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was founder and owner of Eye Care One since 1995.



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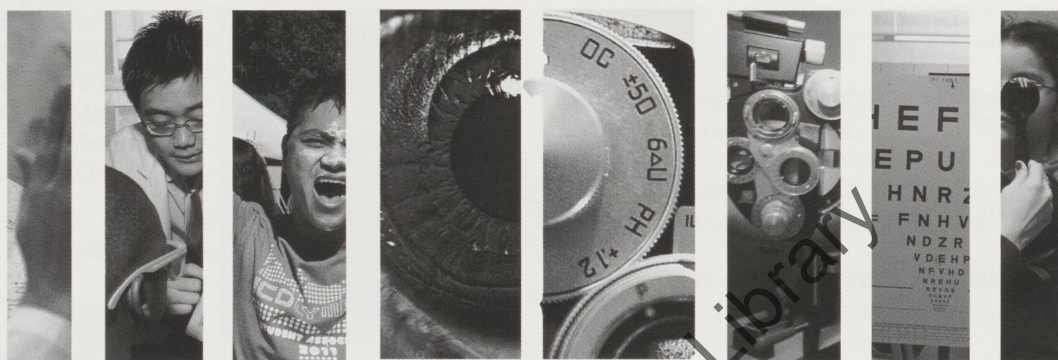
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As I prepare to end my term as chairman of the Board of Trustees later this year, I look back with great pride at the many achievements of the Illinois College of Optometry. This past year, in particular, we have seen our campus transformed by the state-of-the-art Lecture Center that has greatly advanced our students' learning, and by the Name A Seat campaign that has provided more resources to be invested in the future of the College.

Given that the name of this magazine is *ICO Matters*, I'd like to take a few moments to share some other ways your support of the College through time, treasure and talent really does matter:

- ICO students excelled in National Board scores, collectively achieving a nearly 100 percent pass rate on NBEO examinations. The Class of 2011 had an ultimate pass rate of 97.9 percent, more than 3 percent higher than the national ultimate pass rate of 94.4 percent, and the Class of 2012 had a pass rate of 98.16 percent on Part II, exceeding the national average of 95.2 percent and achieving the highest ICO passing rate for this exam.
- The clinic at the Illinois Eye Institute served 98,000 patients in 2011 as well as significantly increased its community health presence through the Chicago Vision Outreach program.
- ICO's excellent continuing education programs drew more than 400 people to campus last year to learn about the latest in optometric advancements and network and share knowledge with their peers.

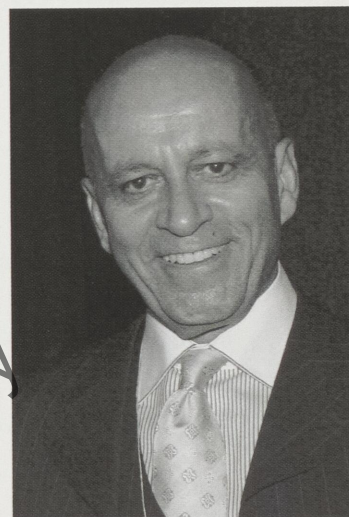
This list could be expanded to fill many pages, because everything you do for this institution DOES matter – and yet there is still more to be done. So I am asking you, as alumni of the best optometric school in the nation, to consider new ways in which you can support the College that has given you so much. Perhaps you could join the Leadership Circle? Or purchase a seat in the Lecture Center? Or give generously to the Alumni Scholarship?

I have made it a point to pay forward now so I can witness and enjoy firsthand how my support is benefitting ICO. Through the Kattouf Program for the Advancement of Independent Optometry, I have had opportunities to meet with students and give them in-depth information and tools to decide if private practice is the right career path for them. I greatly enjoy these encounters with the next generation of optometrists, particularly seeing them discover new career possibilities. I also am so pleased each year when I receive handwritten thank-you letters from students who qualified for the Trustee Scholarship, a fund I am proud to donate to. The thrill that comes over me when I read their words is immeasurable. I invite you to invest in the future of the College, too, and experience the satisfaction that comes from giving.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to President Augsburger, my fellow trustees, and everyone at ICO and the IEI who have made my time as chair one of the greatest joys of my professional life. Although I will no longer be chair when next year's annual report comes around, I will always be among ICO's greatest champions.

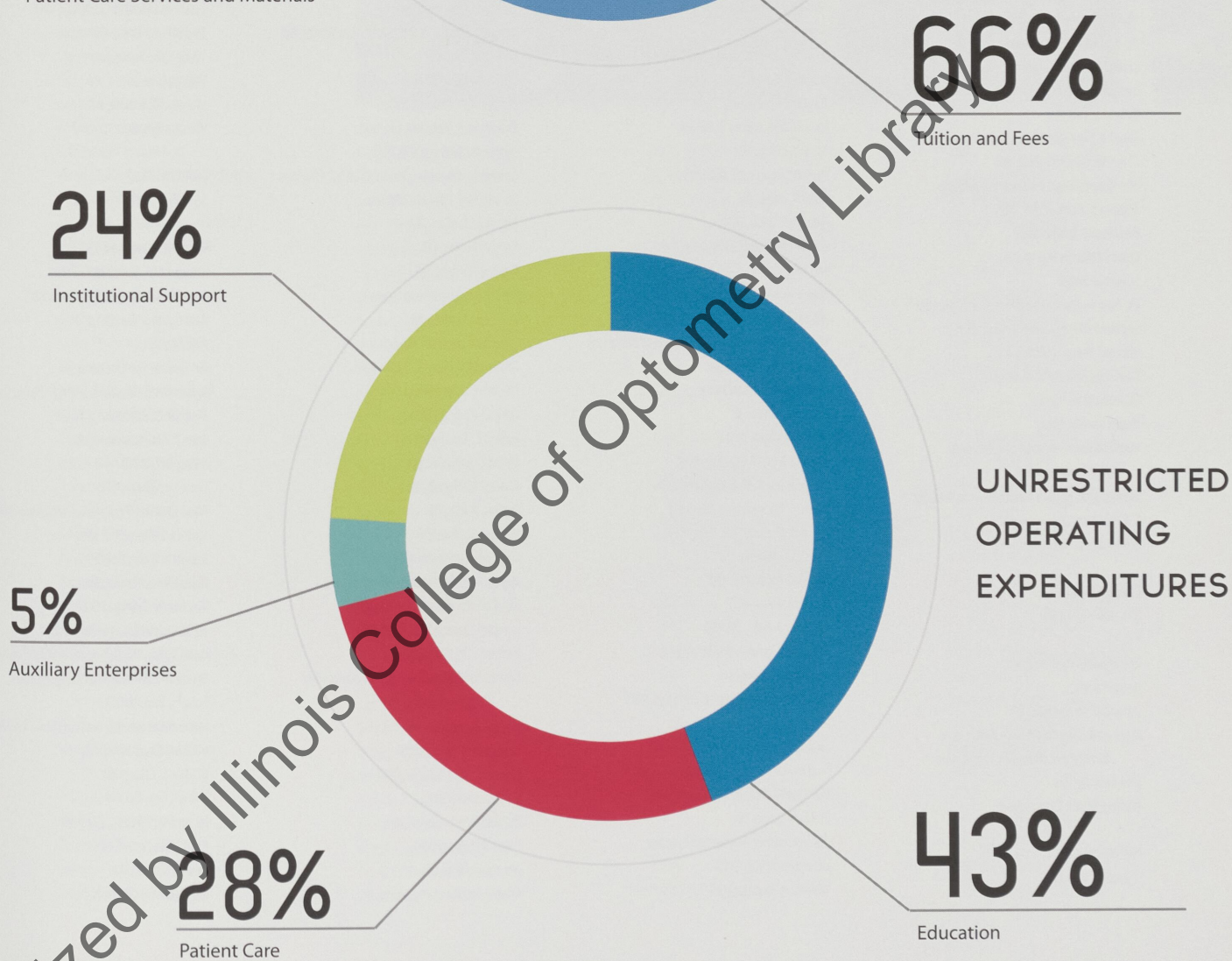
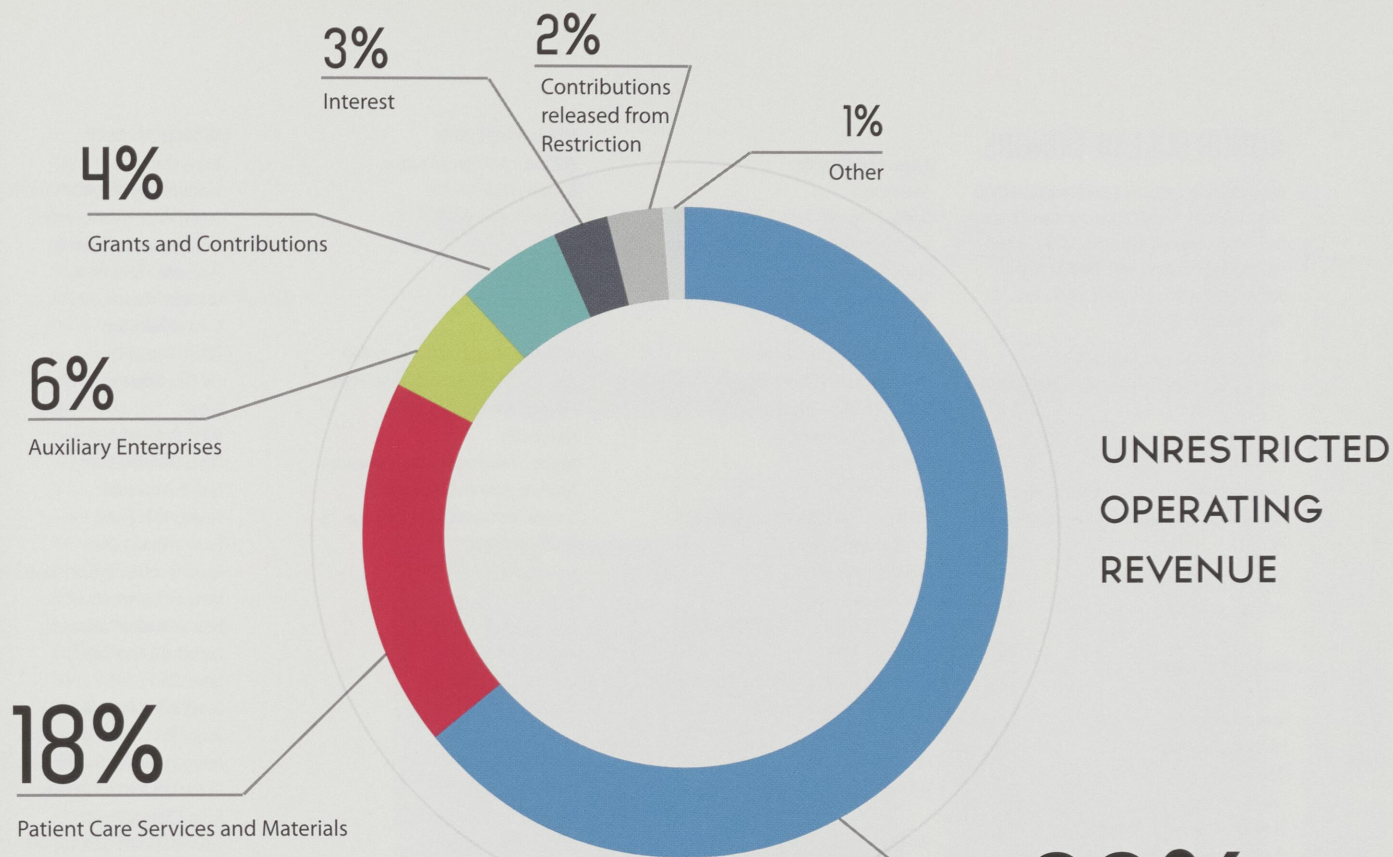
Fraternally Yours,

Richard S. Kattouf, OD '72, DOS



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS				
OPERATING REVENUE:				
STUDENT TUITION AND FEES, LESS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$574,392	\$ 21,483,065	\$	\$	\$ 21,483,065
PATIENT SERVICES AND MATERIALS	6,003,278			6,003,278
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES:				
BOOKSTORE	12,000			12,000
DORMITORY	1,805,682			1,805,682
GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS	1,152,260	50,000		1,202,260
CONTRIBUTIONS	299,114	665,420	12,940	977,474
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	828,846	7,960		836,806
STUDENT LOAN INTEREST	23,652			23,652
OTHER	339,353			339,353
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	31,947,250	723,380	12,940	32,683,570
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	811,322	(811,322)	-	-
TOTAL	32,758,572	(87,942)	12,940	32,683,570
EXPENSES:				
EDUCATION AND GENERAL	13,136,285			13,136,285
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	7,289,522			7,289,522
CLINIC	8,400,251			8,400,251
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES	1,397,986			1,397,986
ILLINOIS EYE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION	5,711			5,711
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	30,229,755	-	-	30,229,755
EXCESS OF OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	2,528,817	(87,942)	12,940	2,453,815
NONOPERATING:				
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT	262,860			262,860
GAIN ON SALE OF BONDS	48,000			48,000
INVESTMENT GAINS	4,391,550	40,935	6,658	4,439,143
	4,702,410	40,935	6,658	4,750,003
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	7,231,227	(47,007)	19,598	7,203,818
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	24,254,990	1,213,009	733,746	26,201,745
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 31,486,217	\$ 1,166,002	\$ 753,344	\$ 33,405,563



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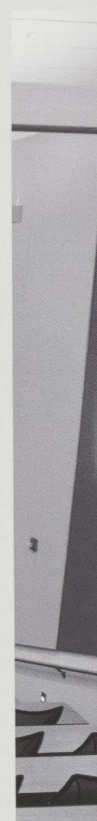
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\$53,915	1972
\$16,675	1983
\$13,850	1963
\$11,235	1978
\$8,458	1976
\$8,450	1977
\$7,400	1979
\$7,250	1986
\$6,465	1974
\$6,100	1980

Largest Percent by Class Year

16.42%	1977
14.58%	1979
13.39%	1974
13.04%	1971
12.96%	1961
12.59%	1976
12.06%	1980
11.59%	1978
11.29%	1957
11.21%	1986

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95.28%

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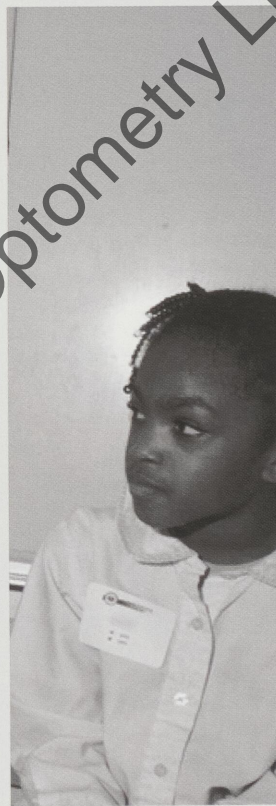
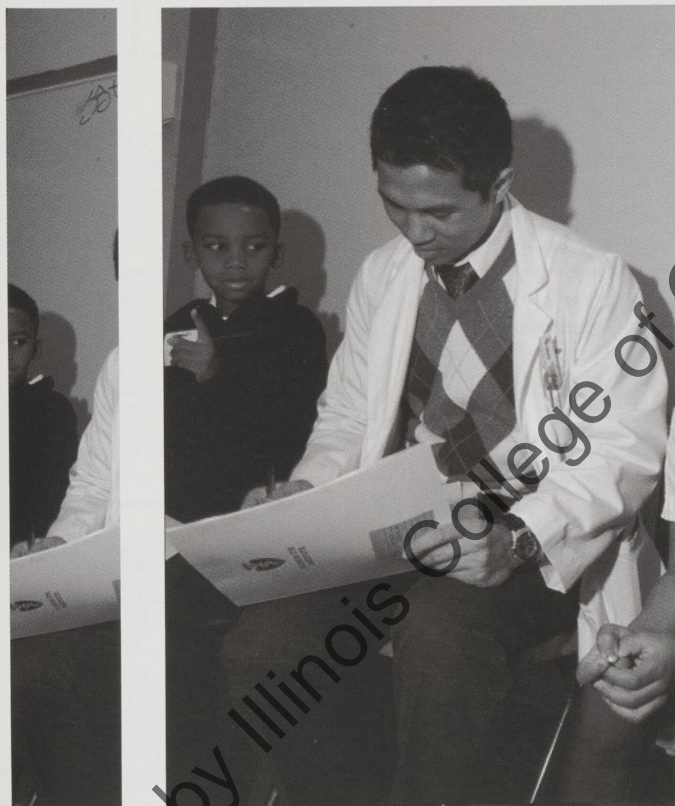
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2.1 MILLION

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1.3 MILLION

The Illinois Eye Institute invested \$1.3 million in the NextGen electronic health record system to document the 98,000 annual patient visits to the clinic. The IEI is expected to be eligible for federal EHR reimbursements.

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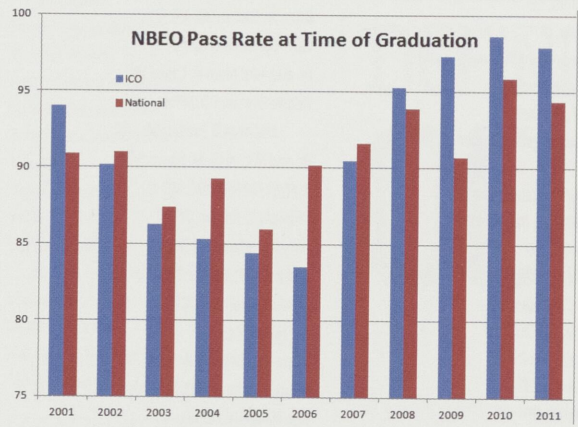
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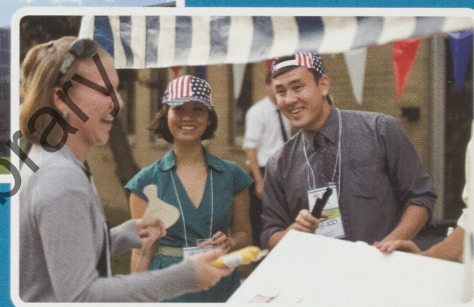
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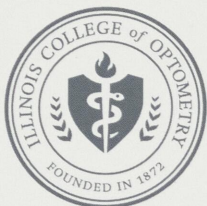
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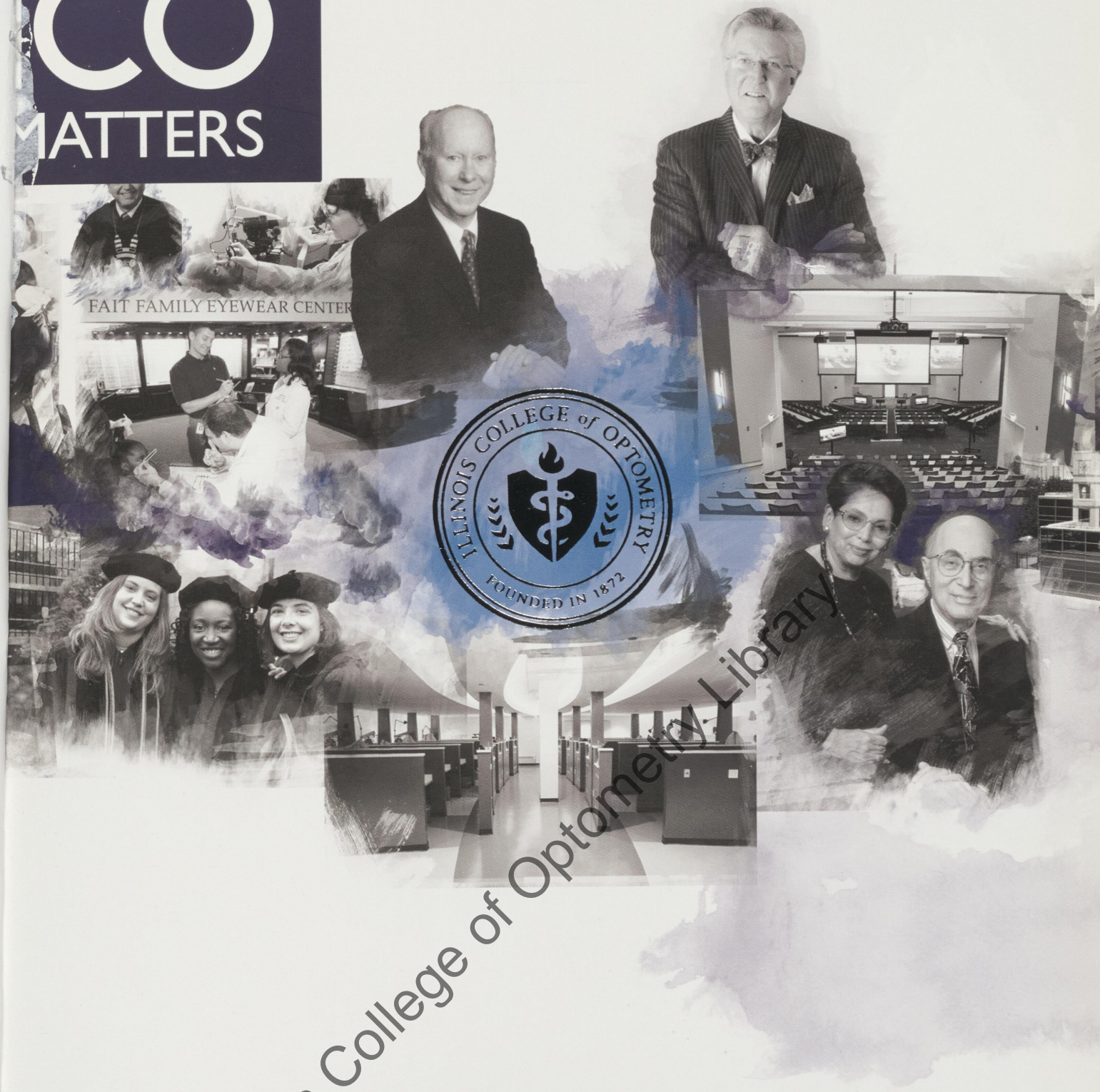
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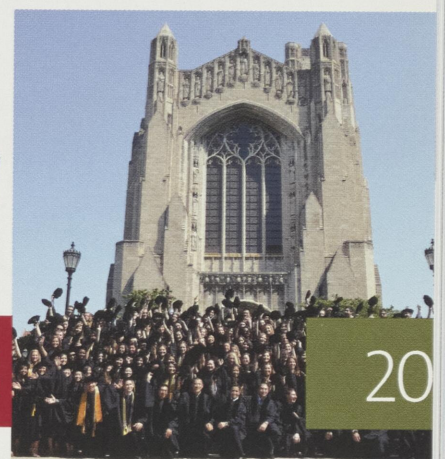
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Thanks for all you do!
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for 10 great years
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you enjoy another
10 yrs

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Congratulations
10 yrs

Best Wishes
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Sam

Thanks for
a wonderful decade!
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have been
here's to 10 more
(awards)

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Has it been 10 yrs?

Time flies when
ICO has great
vision & leadership.

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for a great
decade Barclay Ball

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The Illinois College of Optometry is celebrating its 140th birthday this year. Indeed, ICO was established before we ever called this noble profession "optometry."

ICO's growth and development paralleled the building of a profession. ICO's people played integral roles in that evolution, and its alumni distinguished themselves by providing outstanding eye and vision care around the world. It is still true today, as many of ICO's family are movers and shakers in optometry and in their communities.

This 140th birthday got me thinking of my own travels through other optometric institutions. Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., where I started my undergraduate education, is celebrating its 165th birthday this year and is the oldest of the four colleges and universities that have been part of my life.

The Ohio State University started a couple of years before ICO, although the optometry program there did not come along until 44 years later. I completed my undergraduate degree, my professional degree, and my graduate degree there, and stayed a Buckeye for 23 more years on the faculty as optometry moved from a "drugless profession" to a health care profession with full diagnostic and therapeutic responsibilities.

When I went to the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1993, the university itself was not even 25 years old, having grown up from the Birmingham extension program of the University of Alabama. During the time I was at UAB, the School of Optometry grew from the smallest academic program on campus in terms of financial impact to the second largest behind only the School of Medicine. Because of the impact of optometry on this campus, I was privileged to be asked to serve my last two years at UAB as the provost, the first optometrist in the country to serve as the chief academic officer at a major university with an academic health center.

It doesn't seem like 10 years have passed since the ICO board asked me to move here to serve as president in 2002 during our 130th ICO birthday year. We have been pleased to have many success stories during these past 10 years. I hope you will be able to see the dramatic changes in the campus during one of the extraordinary events that will take place during our 140th birthday year.

My youngest son Ty, who is an artist living in Tucson, Ariz., crafted the wall hanging pictured above to summarize my fortunate career in optometry over the last 45 years. I know you all have a unique story about how optometry has influenced your life. Please share it with us so we can share it with our outstanding ICO alumni around the world.

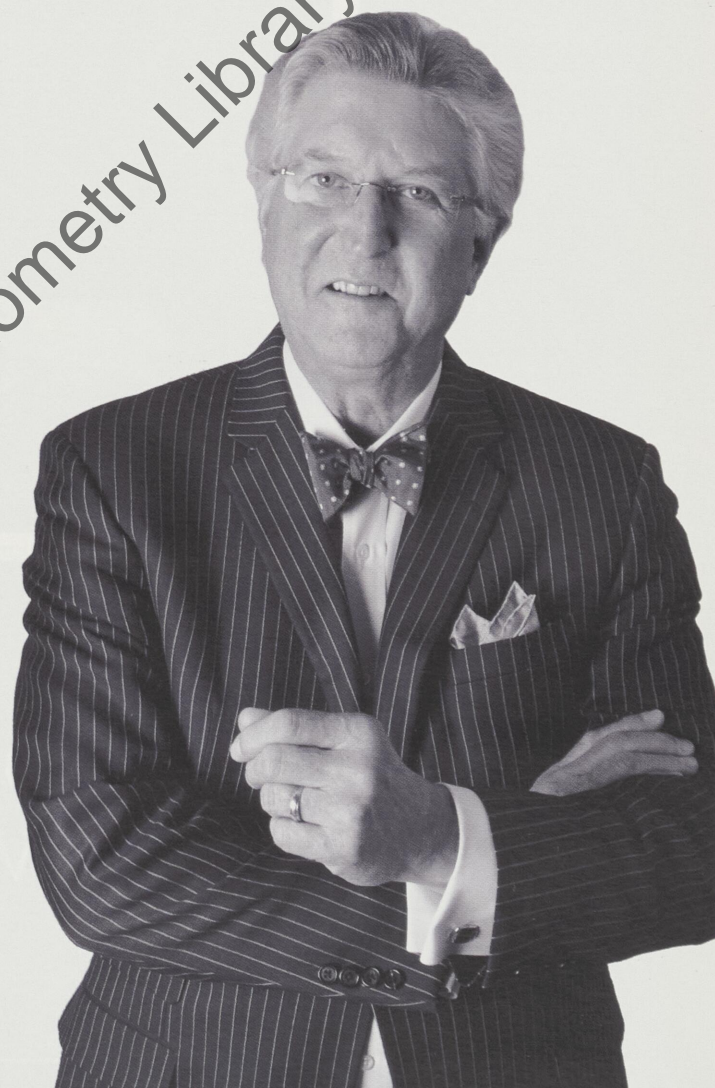
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REFLECTING ON THE PAST, READY FOR THE FUTURE

A Message From the President



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ICO ANNOUNCES THE ALFRED AND SARAH ROSENBLOOM CENTER ON VISION AND AGING

Filling a Need: Facts About the Aging Population

- An estimated, 6.5 million Americans older than 65 have a severe visual impairment.
- By 2030, rates of severe vision loss will double along with the country's aging population.
- The first wave of the 78 million baby boomers turned 65 in 2011. By 2030, the number of people older than 65 will double to 71.5 million, or 20 percent of the population.
- Vision loss can adversely impact the overall health and well-being of older adults in many ways, including increased risk of falls and fractures, depression and difficulty with daily tasks such as identifying medications, bathing, dressing and walking. In fact, approximately 1.8 million elderly people in this country (not living in nursing homes) report some difficulty with these activities in part because of visual impairment.

The Illinois College of Optometry is proud to announce the founding of the Alfred and Sarah Rosenbloom Center on Vision and Aging, a unique new resource devoted to the vision care needs of the aging population.

The Center within the Illinois Eye Institute honors an ICO icon, Dr. Alfred Rosenbloom, and his wife, Sarah. Dr. Rosenbloom, a 1948 graduate, served as dean of ICO from 1955 to 1972, president from 1972 to 1982, and remains a distinguished professor emeritus. He was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame in 2010, and continues to be a leader in the optometric profession. In addition to his leadership roles at the College, Dr. Rosenbloom has been a pioneer in low-vision rehabilitation. In 1957, he was one of the founders of the first low-vision service at the Chicago Lighthouse. This organization has become one of the most comprehensive social service agencies in the United States. Dr. Rosenbloom was recently honored by being appointed to the prestigious Donald Krumrey Chair in Low Vision at the Chicago Lighthouse.

"The over-80 population is growing four times faster than any other segment of the population," Dr. Rosenbloom says. "ICO's reputation in terms of current and future education offers the opportunity to elevate standards and raise awareness for providing professional vision care to this age group. This may lead in time to the development of a Geriatric Care Patient Service Model, including care for many underserved individuals in assisted living facilities and in nursing homes."

The Rosenbloom Center was announced during the ICO and Illinois Optometric Association Open House on June 29. The phased implementation begins immediately and will ultimately have four essential functions:

- Promote increased knowledge and understanding of the inter-relatedness of aging and vision care for optometry students and practitioners

- Develop programs that reach out to underserved and minority communities, and older adults in and around Chicago, by providing vision care, counseling and support services
- Develop ongoing relationships with selected geriatric care facilities (assisted living and nursing home facilities) in the Chicago area for education and patient care services
- Sponsor vision-related geriatric research

"ICO is unique in having the faculty and the resources to establish what I would consider a model Center on vision and aging," Dr. Rosenbloom says. "As far as I know, there is no

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Alfred Rosenbloom, OD

other vision care agency or facility that can establish a Center like this with experienced faculty to administer the important goals of the Center."

The Center's reach will stretch far beyond the Chicago area, he says. ICO students will have the opportunity to work with aging patients through the Center, and then take that unique knowledge wherever they establish a practice after graduation.

ICO President Arol Augsburger, OD, says the Center is an exciting addition to ICO.

"To have a prominent ICO alumnus and his wife – and a former president of ICO – make such a significant leadership gift to ICO is transforming for the institution," he says. "ICO will soon be the only optometric institution with a Center on Vision and Aging. This will emphasize and highlight our leadership position in optometry."

Stephanie Messner, OD, Named ICO Dean



Following a national search, Dr. Stephanie Messner has been appointed vice president and dean for academic affairs at the Illinois College of Optometry. She was selected in April to advance ICO's competitive and contemporary educational program after serving in an interim capacity for the previous 10 months.

Dr. Messner has served in several administrative roles at the College that gave her extensive experience in administration. She served as the assistant dean for patient care education (2008-2011) and prior to that she was chair, post-doctoral and Illinois Eye Institute-based education (1996-2008). In these positions, she had experience in accreditation, assessment and program development.

"I am so pleased that Dr. Stephanie Messner has been selected as the ICO vice president and dean for academic affairs," ICO president Arol Augsburger, OD, says. "She has contributed substantially to the academic program and curriculum of ICO during the last two decades, and brings a wealth of experiences in higher education administration, accreditation and residency program development. She is highly respected by our faculty, and a tireless advocate for fairness and responsibility within our ICO programs."

Dr. Messner earned her doctor of optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Since then, she has dedicated 27 years to ICO and has a very valuable historic perspective on the College. She has been involved in much of the development of the current professional program.

"Although I am not an alumnus of this institution, I have spent my entire career at ICO and have a deep understanding of, and affection for, our culture and history," Dr. Messner says, "I truly feel honored to have received my appointment as dean and will do my utmost to continue our longstanding tradition of excellence."

In addition to her work at ICO, Dr. Messner has built a national reputation through her service to several professional organizations. She has been a consultant for the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, serving as a site team member and site team chair for both institutional and residency accreditation visits. Her involvement with ACOE has provided her with the knowledge and expertise to help with the development of ICO's accreditation materials over the years. She has also served on the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry Residency Affairs Committee, and currently serves ASCO as a member of the Chief Academic Officers.

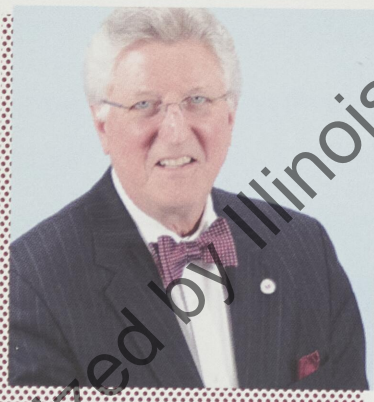


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Learn more about Dr. Messner in her new multimedia bio at

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Prestigious Appointment for Dr. Augsburger



College president Arol Augsburger, OD, was appointed in June to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Special Medical Advisory Group (SMAG). The Under Secretary for Health Robert Petzel, MD, made the appointment. Dr. Augsburger was nominated for the committee last fall by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, in consultation with the American Optometric Association.

"Dr. Augsburger is joining very elite company," says former ICO president and past director of the VA's Optometry Service Charles Mullen, OD. "It's a very prestigious and prominent position. Arol is the perfect individual for this position because of his global understanding of healthcare and because he's so credible within the academic community."

SMAG advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on matters relating to the care and treatment of veterans

and other matters pertinent to the operations of the Veterans Health Administration, including research, education and training of health manpower, and contingency planning for the VA and Department of Defense. Group committee members meet twice a year. The next meeting will be this fall at the VA Central Office in Washington, DC.

ICO's Dr. Christine Allison Inducted into National Academies of Practice



Congratulations to ICO faculty member Christine Allison, OD, FAAO, FCOVD, AAO Diplomate, DSNAP, who was inducted into the National Academies of Practice this year as a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow.

The NAP is a nonprofit professional organization of distinguished practitioners and scholars from 10 health disciplines, including optometry. Only 150 members may be elected to each of the 10 Academies.

The NAP advises public policy makers on health care issues from the perspective of experts across numerous disciplines.

Other ICO inductees in recent years include

ICO President Arol Augsburg, OD, Sandra Block, OD '81, Janice Jurkus, OD '74, and Dominick Maino, OD '78.

"The NAP induction ceremony was fun and interesting because I was able to enjoy an

interdisciplinary group who all want to work together to improve health care in this country," Dr. Allison says.

Stephanie Messner, ICO vice president and dean for academic affairs, says the entire ICO community takes great pride in Dr. Allison's induction.

"I was able to enjoy an interdisciplinary group who all want to work together to improve health care in this country."

Christine Allison, OD

"Dr. Allison's contribution to the role of this interdisciplinary group in providing advice to health care policy makers will benefit the public as well as our profession," Dr. Messner says.

ICO Names Alumni Scholarship Winner

The ICO Alumni Council has selected fourth-year student Erik Mothersbaugh, OD '12, as the recipient of the 2012 Alumni Association Scholarship Award. The award is given to acknowledge a student's service to ICO and offset the financial burden upon graduation.

"Erik has shown exemplary leadership and service to ICO as a student, and we look forward to his continued service to the institution and profession in the future," says Alumni Council President Jeff Varanelli, OD '98.

As a student, Dr. Mothersbaugh was very involved in campus leadership, including serving as president of the Student Association. His spirit of giving continues as an alumnus, as he intends to use the \$500 award to name a seat in the Lecture Center and then donate the remaining money back to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund to benefit a future student.



Arol Augsburg, OD, and Erik Mothersbaugh, OD

"It is an honor to be recognized by ICO's Alumni Association," Dr. Mothersbaugh says. "I have been privileged to see all of the campus improvements during my four years as a student, and that simply would not be possible without the hard work and support of generous alumni. I plan to make arrangements to use the award as my first official donation to the College."

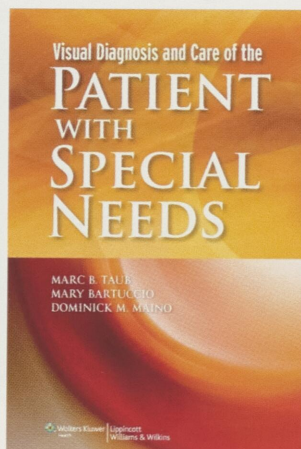


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To find out more about supporting the Alumni Association Scholarship Award, visit

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ICO's Dr. Maino Co-Authors New Textbook



ICO faculty member Dominick Maino, OD '78, is co-author of a new textbook, *Visual Diagnosis and Care of the Patient with Special Needs*, published by Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. The book took root when Mark Taub, OD, of Southern College of Optometry, and Mary Bartuccio, OD, of NOVA Southeastern, met with Dr. Maino to talk about the need for an update to Dr. Maino's landmark textbook, *Diagnosis and Management of Special Populations* (Mosby, 1995, reprinted by OEPF 2001). That book was voted one of the 10 best books in 1995 by the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry faculty.

Drs. Maino, Taub and Bartuccio decided to join forces and devote their time and talent to not only updating the foundation laid by Dr. Maino's previous book, but to expand the breadth and depth of the available material within a new work. Although the new work is primarily for optometrists and ophthalmologists, Dr. Maino says it also is suitable for a variety of professions serving the health care needs of those with disabilities.

The book features a chapter on neuroplasticity written by Dr. Maino with the assistance of ICO faculty members Yi Pang, OD, PhD, and Robert Donati, PhD. It is co-authored by Susan Barry, PhD, a professor of biological sciences

and neuroscience at Mount Holyoke College. Other ICO connections include chapters by former Dr. & Mrs. Dominick Maino Visiting Professors Kenneth Ciuffreda, OD, PhD, and Len Press, OD; ICO alumni Sidney Groffman, OD '51, Garth Christenson, OD '84, Brad Habermehl, OD '88; and Nadine Girgis, OD, who completed her residency at the College.

The book is available at **Amazon.com** or from the publisher at **lww.com**.



L-R: Robert Donati, PhD, Yi Pang, OD, PhD, Arol Augsburger, OD, and Dominick Maino, OD, MEd.

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If you have qualified patients for this study or wish to get more information, please contact Mary Podgers, administrative assistant to Dr. Leonard Messner, at mpodgers@ico.edu or 312.949.7211.



New Library Director Is Resource for Faculty, Staff and Students



ICO recently welcomed a new library director to campus. Christine Weber brings a wealth of experience and fresh ideas about how to make the Carl Shepard Library an even better resource for students, faculty and alumni.

She took the first step in implementing those ideas by forming a Library Faculty/Student Committee to generate recommendations on ways to repurpose some of the space, update the collection and refresh the common areas. She sees the role of the library as primarily one of service.

"We provide students, faculty, staff and alumni with support for their research and academic needs."

Christine Weber

"We provide students, faculty, staff and alumni with support for their research and academic needs," she says.

Weber wants to remind alumni that they enjoy a number of library benefits, even away from campus. ICO graduates have access to a document delivery service in which PDF files from the library collection can be sent to alumni via e-mail. A variety of reference services, including literature and VisionOne searches as well as bibliographic verification

also are available. Alumni near campus or in town visiting can access library computers as guests, as well as access the ICO physical collection on site

Weber is a native of Pittsburgh (yes, she is a Steelers fan), received her bachelor of arts degree from Penn State and her master's degree in library science from the State University of New York at Geneseo. Her

impressive work history includes time in corporate, higher education and nonprofit settings, as well as owning a small business.

When not on campus, Christine rides horses, cooks and volunteers for Sit, Stay, Read, a

literacy organization in Chicago that uses dogs as a tool to improve reading skills and foster a love of learning in at-risk first through fourth graders in the Chicago Public Schools. Just don't ask her what her favorite book is because she says she "can't possibly answer that question." If pressed, she narrows it down to biographies and women's contemporary fiction, though she is usually reading five books at any given time.

Get to Know the ICO Faculty in New Multimedia Bios

There's an exciting new addition to the ICO website: all new, multimedia faculty bios. Each faculty member's new page includes an updated photo, his or her professional experience and accomplishments, and a personal answer to the question "Why ICO?" In addition, most faculty members created a video introduction for students and prospective students.

We invite all alumni to explore the site and find out about the talented faculty who share their wisdom on campus every day. To access the bios, visit www.ico.edu/faculty

The screenshot shows the ICO website's faculty bio page for Megan S. Allen, OD. The page includes a header with the ICO logo and navigation links: ABOUT ICO, ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, and ALUMNI & DONORS. Below the header is a "Back to Faculty Listings" link and a photo of Megan S. Allen. To the right of the photo is a "VIDEO" icon. The bio text describes Dr. Allen's residency in pediatrics and binocular vision, her work at the Illinois Eye Institute, and her involvement in the Pediatric Binocular Vision Department. It also mentions her role as a lecturer for the second-year fall quarter optometry course and her research in binocular vision conditions. A "Why ICO?" section at the bottom states that ICO is a renowned college of optometry known for its excellent education, experience, publications, awards and honors, and professional organizations.



ALUMNI REFLECT ON ICO THROUGH THE YEARS

THIS YEAR, THE ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

marks a very proud milestone: 140 years of educating the best optometrists in the world. Its roots go back to 1872, when it was founded as the Chicago College of Ophthalmology and Otology. Over the years, it took on different names and merged with other schools, but it has never wavered from its dedication to providing an unsurpassed educational experience to optometry students.

ICO Matters asked graduates from the last eight decades to share memories, in their own words, of their time at ICO and of the fulfilling careers and lives that their degrees made possible:

BY TARA BURGHART

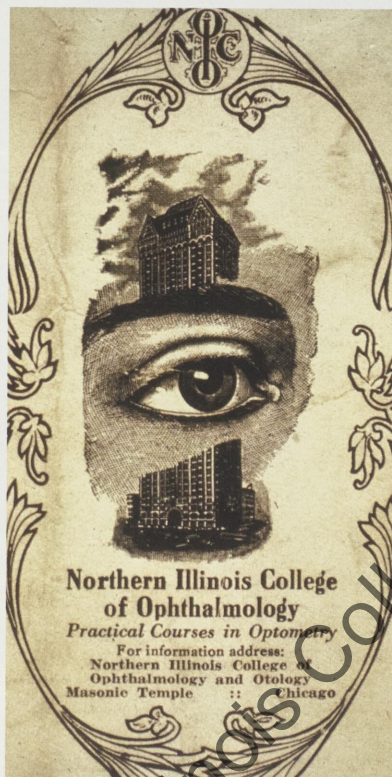
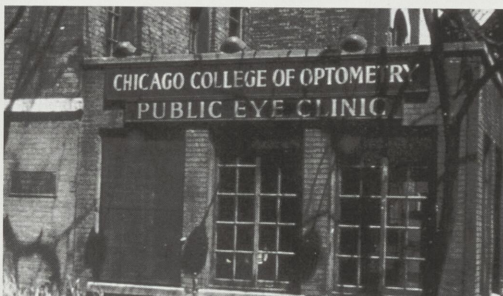
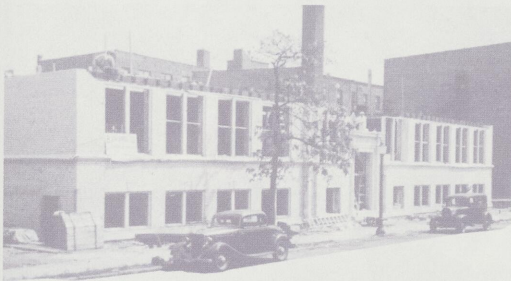
IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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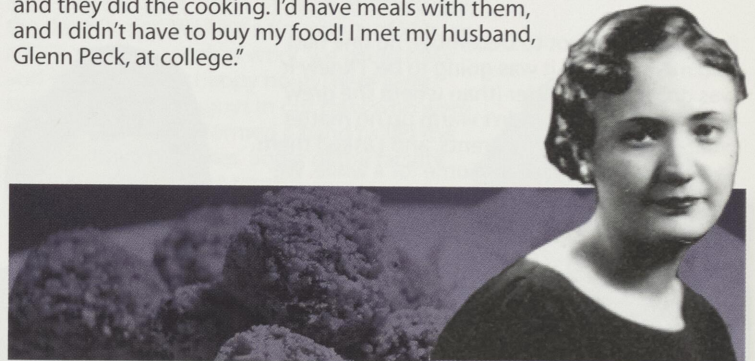
1872

Dr. Henry Olin founded the Chicago College of Ophthalmology and Otology.



MARTHA SULLIVAN PECK, OD '36

"My father was an optometrist, and he always wanted me to be an optometrist, too. There were five women in our class. The college was on Drexel Boulevard. We had exams to take and studying to do. But we had fun, too. Some of the boys lived in another bunch of apartments on another street, and I could go over to their apartment building, and they did the cooking. I'd have meals with them, and I didn't have to buy my food! I met my husband, Glenn Peck, at college."

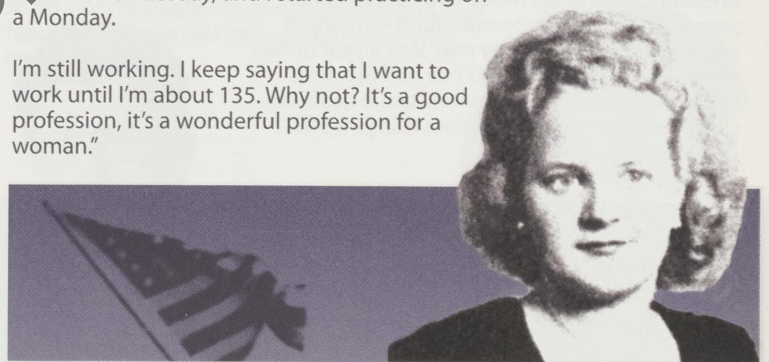


MARILYN BRENNE HEINKE, OD '45, FCOVD

"I went to college all the way through World War II. When I graduated in 1945, the war was still on. We didn't have a very big class. We had four girls. We had 18 in the class total."

"I started practicing the day before V-J Day. I took a job in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. I think the war ended on a Tuesday, and I started practicing on a Monday."

"I'm still working. I keep saying that I want to work until I'm about 135. Why not? It's a good profession, it's a wonderful profession for a woman."



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GILDA BERKMAN PRESKILL, OD '56

"I was the only female student on campus when I arrived. When I got here, it was only the secretaries in the office and me. At that point, there were four fraternities in the school, and they all signed me up to be the sweethearts of their fraternity! It was really nice, and I was very cute, so ... a lot of dating! It was great.

By the time we got to December, no one had told me how cold it was going to be. I knew it was going to be colder [than where she grew up in Cuba] but I couldn't warm up no matter what I did. I wrote my parents, and I asked them to send me a ticket to go home for a while. We had one month between semesters, and they did send me a ticket, and that was really great."



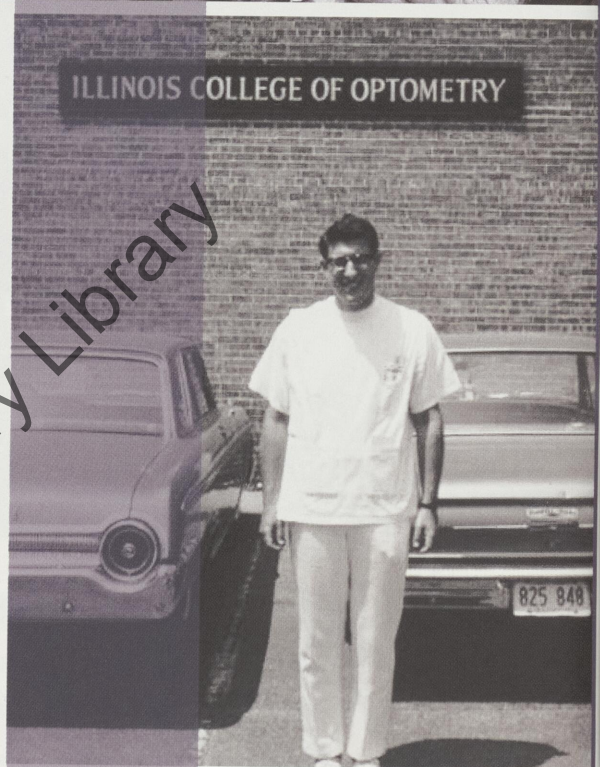
HOWARD WOOLF, OD '67

"My mother and father are graduates of Northern Illinois College of Optometry, which is one of the predecessors of ICO. They met while they were students ... My son is a graduate of ICO, too.

When I went to school, they'd just built the dormitory Brady Hall. Then I had the fortune to come back and be on the alumni association, be the president of the alumni association and then be on the board of directors. I've watched the school grow into its current campus. It's been a tremendous learning experience. You really see how big things, like the country, work but in a microcosm. You see the good, the bad and some of the ugly. ... The college, when I came there, it was a three-year college, and now it's a four-year college. It now has phenomenal facilities. ... We've had good leadership. I've watched good presidents and good times. Each person and personality seems to be right for the moment we need. Sometimes they may stay a year or two too long, but that's life! ICO has had the right leadership at the right moment and it has been strong enough to survive when things weren't so good."



ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY



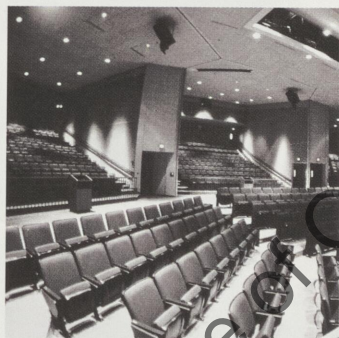
"I felt my clinical years at ICO were really enhanced by a new team of doctors that came in who were all residency-trained."

The curriculum changed from a 3-year to a 4-year professional program.

1967

1983

A 50,000 square-foot-facility was added to house a new lecture center, library and fitness center.



PATRICIA ANDOLINA, OD '84

"I made a lot of lasting friendships. The students there were so friendly, we really did bond right at the beginning. ... It wasn't competitive. Everyone was there to succeed. You wanted everyone to pass and to do well.

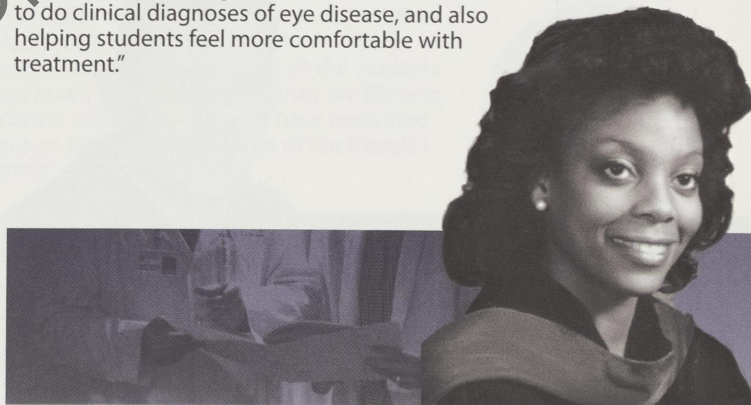
Our class founded what was called The Blind Spot Bar. We did it when we were at Brady Hall, the dormitories. We had a fun group of kids, so after a grueling week of work, we could relax and we had a little happy hour. There were some very talented guys in our class who were musicians and they formed a band called the Adipose Rhythm Dukes. Some of the faculty came. It was just great times."



MILLICENT KNIGHT, OD '87

"I got interested in optometry because of my personal experiences with the profession, with ICO in particular. I had my first eye exam at ICO at age eight.

The interesting thing about my year is that we were one of the first classes that was supposed to graduate fully prepared to utilize therapeutic pharmaceutical agents. The curriculum was changed in our last year so that we would be best prepared to do this, and I think that by and large, we were well equipped. I felt my clinical years at ICO were really enhanced by a new team of doctors that came in who were all residency-trained and who had a very strong medical bent to their practice expertise, including Drs. Messners. I think they helped the transformation that was occurring in optometry, making their students better able to do clinical diagnoses of eye disease, and also helping students feel more comfortable with treatment."

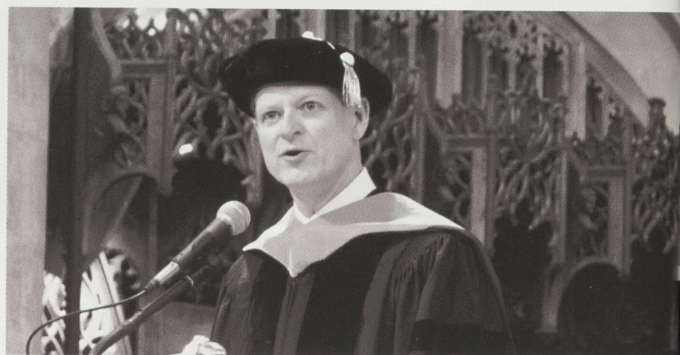


MARK COLIP, OD '92

"[Attending ICO] was the greatest and most intellectually fulfilling challenge of my life.

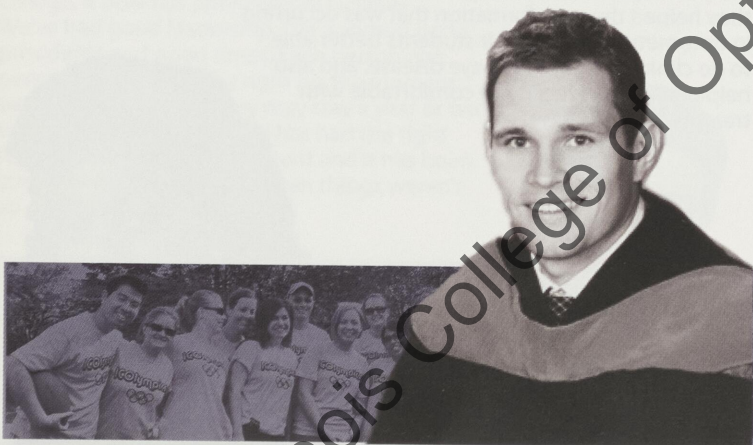
Being surrounded by bright and caring people with a common goal is an extraordinary opportunity afforded to a select group each year. I was honored and humbled to have the opportunity.

[During our time at ICO] we learned to become professionals. There is a real metamorphosis that occurs at ICO. In my role today, I have the privilege of seeing it occur every year now. Students arrive a bit idealistic and anxious and still very much with undergraduate mindsets and wondering, "What do I have to do to get by?" Before long you realize 'getting by' is no longer the objective, but rather learning everything you can in order to be best prepared to take good care of your patients that is most important."



SCOTT COLLINGS, OD '08

"I was lucky enough to meet my wife, Kara, at ICO. And what's amazing is we are one of about 10 couples in our class who met at ICO and later married. To me, that is a testament to how bonded classes become at ICO throughout their four years together."



"ICO is like a family. ... It was like I was hanging out with family members for all those years."

The four-story Residential Complex opened to provide contemporary student housing. Brady Hall became offices for faculty and staff.

1996

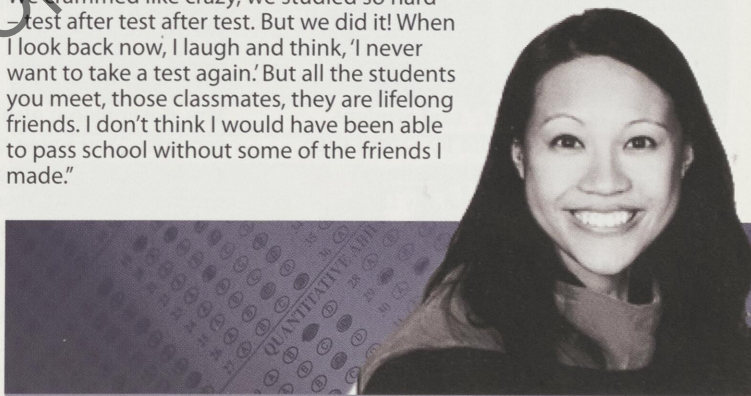


GRACE TRAN, OD '08, FMAO

"ICO is like a family. ... It was like I was hanging out with family members for all those years.

I interviewed at a lot of other schools, and all of those schools have their unique qualities, but I could tell at ICO – even as a candidate – I felt like the students were very strongly represented. ... I knew that if I went to school there, if I wanted to make a difference, I would have a voice.

We crammed like crazy, we studied so hard – test after test after test. But we did it! When I look back now, I laugh and think, 'I never want to take a test again.' But all the students you meet, those classmates, they are lifelong friends. I don't think I would have been able to pass school without some of the friends I made."



Chicago Vision Outreach was established to extend primary eye and vision care services into community health centers. The following year, a clinic was opened at Princeton Elementary School to serve Chicago Public School children in need of eye and vision care

2010

The Lecture Center was renovated.

The NextGen electronic health record system was launched to document patient visits.

2011

ICO & IOA OPEN HOUSE

Though the morning of **June 29** was all dark clouds and oppressive heat, by the afternoon the weather had cleared—just in time for ICO's Celebrating Optometry in Illinois Open House, co-hosted by the Illinois Optometric Association.

Scheduled to coincide with Optometry's Meeting—taking place less than two miles away at McCormick Place—the Open House gave many optometrists unaffiliated with ICO the opportunity to see the school for the first time, and offered alumni and friends of the College the chance to reconnect and celebrate ICO's 140th anniversary.

Kimberly Menza, OD '09, of Daytona Beach, Fla., was amazed at how ICO has advanced in the three years since she's graduated. "The campus has changed so dramatically," she said. "The Lecture Hall, the Eyepod, the labs. It's light years ahead of where it was when I was here. I'm a little jealous—and by a little, I mean a lot."

Dr. Menza was among the preceptors attending the meet and greet reception in the Gymnasium, where students considering externships had the unique opportunity to speak to supervising doctors face-to-face.

"It opened my eyes to externship sites that I hadn't thought of," said Student Association president and ICO third-year Kevin Cassin. "From what I've heard from my colleagues—especially those who are in my class, who will be picking externships in August or September—it was an awesome opportunity to meet the preceptors and learn about the opportunities that are available at each of their sites."

Event attendees sipped dessert martinis and nibbled on sweets in the Gymnasium. At the taste of ICO in the Carl F. Shepard Memorial Library, guests lined up for delectables like blackened fish tacos, vindaloo chicken skewers and hot dogs with all the Chicago-style trimmings (as well as ketchup, for those unaccustomed

to eating their wieners in the local fashion).

Among the guests in the Library was Third Ward alderman Pat Dowell. "I wanted to be here to celebrate this occasion," she said, following the evening's opening remarks from Dr. Augsburger and IOA president Sandra Bury, OD '95. "ICO is a tremendous asset in the Third Ward. Many of the people that I represent would not have an eye care option if this institution were not here."

The evening's most notable event was the announcement of the founding of the Alfred and Sarah Rosenbloom Center on Vision and Aging, at a Leadership Circle reception honoring the Rosenblooms in the President's Board Room.

"This is a landmark evening for Sarah and myself," Dr. Rosenbloom said to a full room. "It's really great to see so many dear friends and esteemed colleagues here tonight. Sarah and I are truly proud to establish the Center on Vision and the Aging at ICO, an institution which has played such a vital role in our lives for so many years."

Mrs. Rosenbloom also made a few remarks. "You know there's an old saying: Behind every great man, there's a woman," she said, to a chorus of laughter and applause. "I really am thrilled to see our alumni come back tonight."

The reception was one of the evening's many highlights, according to Dr. Bury. "People are saying it was a true celebration of optometry in Illinois," she said. "It was just perfect."



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ALDERMAN PAT DOWELL





Social Media Opening Doors to New OD Opportunities

By Steve Vargo OD '98



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Are you a new optometry graduate searching for that first professional opportunity? Have you been in one spot for a few years and you're thinking about a change? Is this the time for you to seek a position with fewer demands on your time so you can focus on raising a family or furthering your education?

Whatever your reason for seeking a new optometric opportunity, the reality is the same for everyone: Technology has completely changed the landscape for optometrists at every level. Many of the traditional approaches taken in the past are no longer viable. Mailing off a resume with a cover letter attached and crossing your fingers that you will get a phone call is, for the most part, a thing of the past.

The good news is that you're probably already using one of the best tools available for today's optometrist to put himself or herself in front of employers and stand out from the pack: social media. If managed correctly, the most popular sites are an excellent way to build a personal and professional brand that can get you noticed by employers. If you have special training or skills, social media also is a great way to establish your expertise in this area.

Even if you're an experienced Facebook user or Twitter follower, there are a few additional steps to take to begin establishing your professional social media brand. A good place to start – if you haven't already – is to create online profiles on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter. If you're already on these sites, take the time to customize your profile. Make it look as professional as possible so prospective employers get a good impression of you. Remember

that even people who aren't Facebook friends, Twitter followers or LinkedIn connections can find a good deal of open information about you just by searching for your online profiles. Here is an overview of the most widely used networks, along with some suggestions for making them work for you:

1. Blogging

Blogs are a great way to share information about yourself and establish your expertise or authority on a particular subject. Is there a niche that interests you (i.e. sports vision, ortho-K, etc.)? Write about it. You're not an expert? Become one. Research your topic, write about case examples, interview industry experts, share your accomplishments, etc. Launch a blog that centers around both your expertise and passions. Whether you post once a week or once a month, you will gradually accrue a nice body of work that can be easily linked to an online resume or forwarded to employers. Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter are great ways to broadcast your blog posts. Sites to try: WordPress.com, Blogger.com, Tumblr.com

2. LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a networking site that helps you "link" to other professionals in your industry. LinkedIn gives you the opportunity to connect with people who can connect you with other people. You can think of your LinkedIn profile as an online resume with tremendous networking ability. It's the one place on the web where you can demonstrate everything that makes you valuable to an employer – best skill sets, recommendations of peers, knowledge, etc. Repeated exposure to your brand and expertise will elevate

A Recruiter's Advice

Companies are expected to use social media to recruit for more than 80 percent of job openings this year, and nearly all recruiters are using social media to find candidates. Estel Singleton, recruiter at ETS Vision recruiting firm, which specializes in job placement for optometrists and ophthalmologists, says very few in the optometric field are using the full power of social media for their careers. He offers these suggestions for leveraging social media to find a new opportunity:

- **Be personable, but professional.**
- **Don't make everything public. Make private anything you would not want a potential employer to see.** As a recruiter I am looking for your social media presence online, and employers are doing it, too. You can find tools and hints for keeping information private by searching the help portion of a social media site or doing a Google search.
- **Completely fill out your profile information if you want others to find and communicate with you.**
- **Showcase your skills, abilities, experience, and personality.**
- **Use customized URLs such as www.linkedin.com/in/mdkennedy or www.facebook.com/ETSvision.**
- **Ask others to add recommendations to your LinkedIn profile.**
- **Be an active participant in order to be noticed and recognized!**

your status in the eyes of colleagues and peers. Post your blog updates, join industry groups, participate in discussions and be a knowledgeable resource for others. The ability to make connections outside your inner circle of friends and colleagues makes LinkedIn a very powerful networking and branding tool. Be sure to make your profile page public and completely fill out your profile. You can hide contact information, but make sure you allow others to send you InMail and Connection requests. And don't forget to join the ICO LinkedIn group, which is open only to ICO students and alumni.

3. Facebook

It's hard to ignore a format with 800 million active users, half of those logging on every day. Optometric Facebook pages and groups, such as the ICO page, are a great place to share thoughts, ideas and opinions. If you have an area of expertise, share comments and feedback with the group on that topic. Again, there are many potential employers on these sites who may reside in your area or are willing to recommend you to their colleagues.

4. Twitter

Twitter is a quick and easy way to share knowledge, ask questions, and build your online presence in short snippets, because 140 characters is all you get. Engage others by replying, re-tweeting, and direct messaging. Beware that Twitter is full of others who are constantly posting and it can get very noisy. Engagement is key to successfully using Twitter.

Of course, your qualification for a position won't ultimately rest on how many "likes" your Facebook page has or how many widgets you have on your blog. Keep in mind that social media is a great tool to facilitate relationships, but should not be a substitute for real relationships. Most the people you encounter online will have little impact on your professional life, but within that pool is a subset of people who can make a real difference for you. Don't be afraid to seek out these "difference-makers." Be friendly, ask questions, don't be overly self-promotional, and be a helpful resource for others. Hopefully, these efforts and connections will lead to the perfect new opportunity.

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Helpful links to check out on this subject:

- **The Online Resources You Must Use for Recruiters to Find You**
<http://money.usnews.com/money/blogs/outside-voices-careers/2012/04/17/the-online-resources-you-must-use-for-recruiters-to-find-you>
- **How to Use Social Media in Your Job Search**
<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/networking/a/socialmedia.htm>
- **Professional Branding**
<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/professionalbranding/a/branding.htm>
- **Job-Hunt.org**
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CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE CLASS OF 2012!

ICO welcomed 168 new optometrists to the profession May 19 with a touching and dignified commencement ceremony at Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago.

It wasn't easy to get there – both in the hard work the students put in during their time at ICO and, in the case of commencement itself, because of the transportation challenges presented by street closures and alternate train schedules due to the NATO Summit in Chicago that same weekend.

"As the members of the Class of 2012 have learned, the road to becoming a doctor is certainly not an easy one," said vice president for student, alumni and college development at ICO, Mark Colip, OD '92 as he addressed the graduates. "But then again, nothing worthwhile ever is."

Despite the external hassles, distinguished alumni, faculty, staff and supporters of ICO, as well as family and friends of the graduates, filled the historic chapel and watched the students take the oath to become optometrists.

ICO president Arol Augsburger, OD, reflected on the long road the College has taken since its founding 140 years ago – one year after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. He noted the long history of innovations brought about by the school and its graduates, and highlighted them by awarding ICO's first Medal for Innovation to Richard S. Kattouf, OD '72, current chairman of the Board of Trustees. Among his many professional accomplishments, Dr. Kattouf established the Kattouf Program for the Enhancement of Independent Optometry, which provides professional expertise and consultation to students and residents of ICO.

"While your academic and clinical work at ICO is now complete, I hope that you will always

hold dear your time spent here and that you also realize the impact this wonderful institution has had on your ultimate success in our beloved profession," Dr. Kattouf told the graduates. "It is now up to each of you to carry on the rich traditions of those who have made this walk before you. I also urge you to remember that it will be incumbent upon each of you to give back to ICO so that others may follow your path."

Long roads and innovation also were central to the address by keynote speaker Dori Carlson, OD, FAAO, 2011-12 president of the American Optometric Association and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science in Optometry degree during the commencement ceremony. She asked graduates not what they planned to be, but "Who will you be?" She described a career that took her to unexpected places, including her current home of Park River, N.D., a town that worked hard to persuade the Minnesota native to set up a practice there, going so far as to auction off a four-foot-long stuffed raccoon to pay for her plane ticket there.

That experience laid the foundation for a career of accomplishment gained from saying "yes" to unexpected opportunities, from being asked to join her state optometric association's coding committee, to being asked to testify in front of the North Dakota legislature on optometric issues, to her current status as the first woman to become president of the AOA.

"You're going to have all kinds of opportunities that will present themselves to you," Dr. Carlson told the graduates. "Some will work out great. Others won't – but that's true with anything in life. Seize the opportunities. I tell you these stories today to entertain but to also open your eyes to the opportunities you might have never thought existed."

VALEDICTORIANS

THOMAS J. KEMMERER AND VICTORIA WENZEL



BY THE NUMBERS

168 GRADUATES

966 APPLICANTS ORIGINALLY
COMPETED FOR THE SEATS

66% FEMALE

34% MALE

GRADUATED WITH
HIGH HONORS 35%

PURSUED POST DOCTORAL
RESIDENCIES 24%

STATES REPRESENTED AND
SEVEN CANADIAN PROVINCES 27

IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AND AWARDS \$200,000

Homecoming 2012 Schedule of Events

All
Alumni Are
Invited!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Alumni Association Awards Program
Hard Rock Hotel

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Class Reunion Cocktail Reception and Dinner
Hard Rock Hotel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 - 10:30 am

50 Year Club Breakfast
Hard Rock Hotel
(by invitation only)

12:00 - 9:00 pm

Shuttle service provided to/from Hard Rock
Hotel and campus

12:00 - 6:00 pm

Campus Tours

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Beyond the Buzzwords - How Real ODs Market
Their Practice with Social Media
Nathan Bonilla-Warford, OD '04, FAAO
ICO Lecture Center

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Student/Alumni Mingle
featuring exhibitors and raffle prizes
ICO Gym

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Leadership Circle Reception
President's Office
(by invitation only)

HOTEL INFORMATION

A limited number of rooms will be held until August 17 at the
Hard Rock Hotel, located at 230 N. Michigan Avenue.

To make reservations, call **312-345-1000** and identify yourself
with the "Illinois College of Optometry Group" to receive
our special discounted rates of \$149.00 and \$169.00 per night or
register online at **www.hardrockhotelchicago.com** and use
room block code ILCO090612.

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Party at Kroll's South Loop Bar and Restaurant
1736 S. Michigan Avenue
(Shuttle provided from host hotel and from campus.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast and Sign-in
ICO Lecture Center Foyer

9:00 - 10:40 am

Vision and Aging: Clinical Considerations
Janis E. Winters, OD '91
ICO Lecture Center

10:40 - 11:00 am

Refreshment Break

11:00 am - 12:40 pm

Top Ten Clinical Pearls for Treating Vision Impairment
Lori L. Grover, OD '90, FAAO
ICO Lecture Center

12:50 - 2:00 pm

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Homecoming Registration Form

Also available online at www.ico.edu/alumni/homecoming2012.

Registration deadline is August 24.

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

(Circle one: home/office)

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

(Circle one: home/office/cell)

Email _____

Class of _____

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (Please indicate the number attending each event on the line provided.)

____ Alumni Association Awards Program

Complimentary/No Charge

____ Class Reunion Reception and Dinner

\$95.00 per person

OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE A STUDENT

____ Yes, I would like to invite a student to attend the Class Reunion Dinner on September 7,
by adding \$95.00 per invited student to my total fees.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

____ Two Hours of Continuing Education (non-tested)

\$30.00 Alumni/\$60.00 Non-Alumni

____ Student/Alumni Mingle

Complimentary/No Charge

____ Party at Kroll's South Loop Bar and Restaurant

\$25.00 per person

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

____ Four Hours of Continuing Education (non-tested)

\$60.00 Alumni/\$120.00 Non-Alumni

Donation to Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

____ I would like to include a donation to ICO to provide scholarship funding for
aspiring young doctors. \$ _____ Amount

____ REGISTRATION FEES

____ DONATION AMOUNT

____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Please submit your registration form with
payment by August 24.

Register Online:

www.ico.edu/alumni/homecoming2012

Register by Mail:

Illinois College of Optometry, Attn: Alumni Office
3241 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616

Register by Phone:

312-949-7080

Register by Fax:

312-949-7683

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Refunds will not be provided for cancellations after September 1.

For additional information, contact Connie Scavuzzo,
Director of Alumni Development, at 312-949-7080.

Payment Options:

☐ Check Enclosed:

Please make check payable to Illinois College of Optometry.

☐ Check Pending:

I registered via fax and my check has been mailed.

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Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

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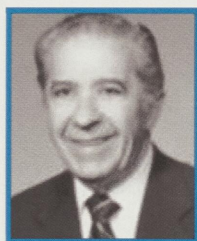
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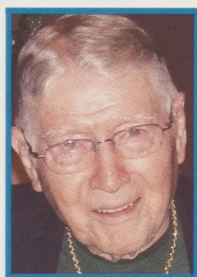
Frank Sakamoto, MCO, received the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award in Denver, recognizing his many efforts to boost awareness of human rights, particularly among young people, and for his many years of dedicated service to the to the Japanese American community. Denver Mayor Michael Hancock declared March 22, 2012, as Dr. Frank Sakamoto Day in the city.

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Frank Fontana, NICO, of St. Louis, was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame during Optometry's Meeting in June.

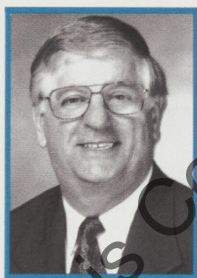


Kenneth J. Nolan, NICO, has retired after 50 years of practicing in the Covington, La., area. Since his first retirement 25 years ago, he has been working at Vision Care Plus. Since 1952, he has been a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, where he has served as Eucharistic Minister and Senior Warden.



1957

Sylvio L. Dupuis, former mayor of Manchester, N.H., was appointed as the honorary chair for the Manchester Historic Association's 20th Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Dr. Dupuis also served as president of the New England College of Optometry and is currently special assistant to the president for government and community relations of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Manchester.



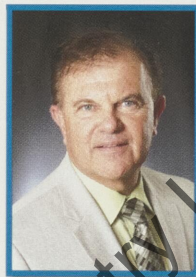
1960

Kusoom Vadgama was presented with the Editor of Asian Voice Award for Research and Compilation at the 2011 Asian Achievers Awards. She was presented with the Asian Achievers Award's Gold Award for her latest book, *An Indian Portia: Selected Writings of Cornelia Sorabji (1866-1954)*. Dr. Vadgama practices in London and will turn 80 this year.



1973

Andrew Buzzelli received the Educator of the Year award from the Texas Optometric Association at its 112th Annual Convention in Austin, Texas. Dr. Buzzelli serves as the dean of the Rosenberg School of Optometry at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.



1974

Janice Jurkus received the Lester Janoff Cornea & Contact Lens Memorial Award from the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators. The award is presented annually to the AOCLE member who has demonstrated excellence in the area of contact lens-related publications, contact lens education and research.



Dr. Jurkus received the award from Andrea Janoff, OD, daughter of Lester Janoff, and Rick Spinell, OD, of Salus University

She was also appointed residency director at ICO. She previously served in the role on an interim basis.

1976

Ron Foreman was named president of SECO International during its annual meeting. Throughout his career, he has served as president of the Northeast Florida Optometric Society, president of the Florida Optometric Association, has been and a member of the Florida State Board of Optometry



Dirk Schrottenboer

was elected to the Michigan Optometric Association Board of Trustees at the association's annual meeting in May. Dr. Schrottenboer currently practices at Lakeshore Eyecare Center in Holland, Mich., a practice he founded.



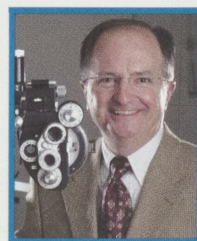
1979

Larry Morrison was elected Vice President of the Minnesota Optometric Association at its Annual Meeting Awards Banquet in Minneapolis. Dr. Morrison practices with his son, Dr. Michael A. Morrison ('04) and Dr. Becky McIlonie at Morrison Eye Care, Detroit Lakes and Mahanomen.



Timothy Wingert

has been named a distinguished scholar and fellow in the National Academies of Practice. He is currently the associate dean for academic affairs of the Rosenberg School of Optometry at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.



1982

Randall Hoch was appointed to the Montana State Board of Optometry.

1983

Stanley Toompas and his identical twin brother Stephen, a pharmacist, have co-authored *I'm the One the Other Isn't, The Stevie-Stanley Stories*, a book of 31 short stories. The stories chronicle their adventures growing up in Clarksburg, W. Va. in the '60s and '70s. The sequel has just been completed and includes a story about ICO.



1990

Renee Tomes Dunlap opened Texas State Optical in 2010, which is a network of independent optometrists in San Antonio, Texas. The National Association of Women in Business Owners, San Antonio Chapter, also awarded her the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award in the category Rising Star, which is for businesses open less than three years with significant growth and signs of longevity. She lives with her husband, Dr. Steve Dunlap, and children Garrett, 18, and Eben, 15, in Boerne, Texas.

1999

Mike Korthals was named president of the Iowa Optometric Association during its annual congress.

2001

Jim Sowinski and his wife Danielle are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Hailey Rae, on April 30, 2012. Hailey was welcomed by big brother, Tyler.

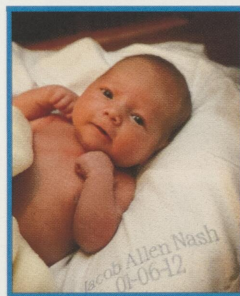


2007

Juliana Grove gave birth to a girl, Emily Josephine, on April 14, 2012.

2008

Heidi Nash (nee Bartell) and George Nash welcomed a baby boy, Jacob Allen Nash, on January 6, 2012.



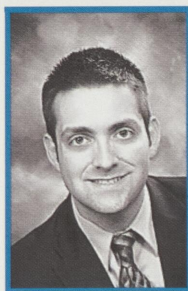
2010

Kevin Harris joined Premier Eyecare Associates, which has four offices in rural North Central Missouri. He and his wife welcomed their second son, Gabriel, on March 22, 2012.



2011

Steven R. Haas joined the family practice of Hass Vision Center, with offices in Chesaning, Owosso, and Durand, Mich. Dr. Haas has continued a long-standing family tradition of optometry dating back nearly 100 years.



ICO graduates helped at an Eyecare mission to Valmiera, Latvia. (L-R): **Sarah Jerome**, OD '00; **Tom Doyle**, OD '78; **Rick Rademacher**, OD '75; and **Jeff Ritsema**, OD '72. They helped provide eyecare for nearly 800 individuals in May 2012.



FRIENDS AND FACULTY

David Lee, emeritus faculty at ICO, received the 2012 Community Service Award from the Asian American Coalition of Chicago. Dr. Lee and the coalition's other award recipients were honored at the 29th annual Lunar New Year Celebration earlier this year.



CORRECTIONS

Due to an error by *ICO Matters*, **Nikki Rai**, OD '03, was listed as a faculty member at the University of Waterloo. She should have been listed as an adjunct clinical faculty member.

Tracy Haaland Cowan, OD '94 should have been listed as naming a seat in the Lecture Center. We apologize for the omission.

IN MEMORIAM

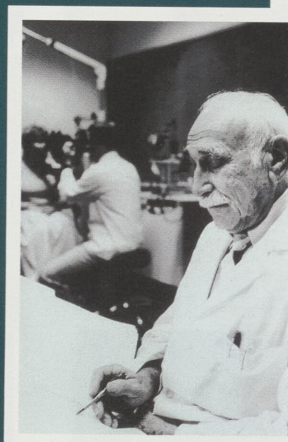


1934 IRVIN BORISH

Irvin Borish, OD, DOS, a distinguished ICO alumnus who is considered "the father of modern optometry," died March 3 in Florida at age 99.

Dr. Borish graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry – a predecessor to ICO – in 1934. He served on the school's faculty for eight years, including as assistant dean. He then established a private practice in Kokomo, Ind., and was instrumental in starting the Indiana University School of Optometry and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

Dr. Borish's influence has been felt at ICO and every other optometry school in the nation for decades. He authored numerous textbooks, including the much-used *Clinical Refraction*, and was granted five patents for contact lenses, including bifocal contacts. He was a founding member of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry, was a president of the Indiana Optometric Association and the editor of the *Indiana Journal of Optometry*. He served as adjunct faculty at several schools.



Dr. Irvin Borish 1913-2012

When Dr. Borish retired from IU in 1982, he assumed the Benedict Professorship of Optometric Practice at the University of Houston. The school later established the Irvin M. Borish Chair in Optometric Practice, an endowed chair with more than \$1 million of support. In 1995, Indiana University honored him by establishing the Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research.

Dr. Borish received numerous awards during his career, including the prestigious AOA Apollo Award for the visual betterment of mankind in 1968 and the AOA Distinguished Service Award in 1989. He was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame in 1998.

Dr. Borish is survived by his daughter, Fran Goldman, of Dallas, Penn.

1943

Robert Ahrens, MCO, of Huntley, Ill., died October 1, 2011. He practiced in Marengo, Ill., for 46 years prior to retiring. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

1945

Sherman W. Schultz, NICO, of St. Paul, Minn., died January 7, 2012.

1946

Albert Levy, MCO, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., died December 20, 2011.

1947

Donald Gregory Cummings, NICO, of Midland, Mich., died March 22, 2012. In his 58 years of practice in Midland, he wrote many articles for the *Michigan Optometrist* and *Optometric Weekly* and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Ocular Science. Recognized as an expert in his field, he served as the first chairman of the Contact Lens Section of the Michigan Optometric Association.

George Parik, MCO, of Oceanside, Calif., died April 18, 2011.

Vincent Zunica, NICO, of Lowell, Ind., died December 3, 2011.

1948

Henry J. Frank, MCO, of Vineland, N.J., died March 11, 2012. He was born in Landau, Germany, and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 at Camp Drum in upstate New York where he supervised German prisoners of war. Upon graduation, he served as clinical professor at the school until 1950.

John A. Leon, MCO, of Villa Grove, Ill., died May 1, 2011. In 1949, he started Leon Optometric Clinic in Villa Grove and retired in 2002. Along with his family and son, Steve Leon OD '80, he established the Leon Family Suite at the Illinois Eye Institute.

Frank H. Pearce, NICO, of Vero Beach, Fla., died July 17, 2011.

Gibson W. St. Mary, NICO, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died January 25, 2012.

1949

George H. Andrew, NICO, of Knoxville, Tenn., died December 24, 2011. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, including four years with the 12th Weather Squadron in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia. He opened a practice in Knoxville in 1950, and worked until his retirement in 2000. He also served as an optometric consultant for the Veterans Administration for 45 years.

Frank Brown, NICO, of Borger, Texas, died March 19, 2012.

David Emory Harvey, NICO, of Duluth, Minn., died April 7, 2011. He practiced in Duluth for more than 50 years.

Henry T. Marcum, NICO, of Barbourville, Ky., died April 15, 2011.

Carl G. Segal, NICO, of Valdosta, Ga., died May 5, 2012. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he returned to civilian life and had an optometry practice for three years, when he was called back to serve in the Navy. After military training, he was assigned as chief radioman on the Jacob Jones. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, the USS Hornet rescued them; and after time in military college, Dr. Segal was made chief analyst for the Department of Defense. He retired in 1975 and continued his love of photography for many years.

Theodore E. Weihe, NICO, of Leesburg, Fla., died December 12, 2011, at age 99.

1950

Charles A. Kuphall, NICO, of Menomonee Falls, Wis., died February 15, 2012.

Allen R. Ploudre, NICO, of Clovis N.M., died August 7, 2011.

1951

Edward F. Boorady, CCO, of Dunkirk, N.Y., died November 3, 2010.

Albert Kroll, CCO, of Chicago, died July 17, 2011.

1952

Edward F. Friel, CCO, of Indianapolis, died July 22, 2011. He served in the South Pacific in three major campaigns and was discharged from the Army on January 30, 1946, with rank of sergeant of the 370th Bomb Squad. He received an American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and a Victory Medal. He practiced optometry in Indianapolis until 2007.

1953

Paul E. Resler, NICO, of Chesterfield, Mo., died December 20, 2011.

1954

Herbert Silverstein, NICO, of Pompton Plains, N.J., died December 23, 2011. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1957 and was Chief Optometrist for the Northeast Air Command in Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland. He practiced optometry from 1957 until 1995 in Hudson, N.J.

1962

John "Jack" Roggenkamp, of Portland, Ore., died April 25, 2012, from chronic obstructive pulmonary

disease. Dr. Roggenkamp enjoyed his career as an educator, administrator and director of training clinics for optometrists. He worked at the Illinois College of Optometry, Pennsylvania College of Optometry and the Pacific College of Optometry from 1976-2000.

1966

William Lawrence Saad, of Hollidaysburg, N.J., died February 22, 2012. He was the owner of The Brande Saad Group with locations in Altoona and State College, N.J. He is a former board member of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Dr. Saad courageously fought a battle with transitional cell carcinoma for 22 years.

1968

Duane F. Atteberry, of Bella Vista, Ark., died May 28, 2012. A lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, he was the first optometrist stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy. He sang lead in a barbershop quartet and was a volunteer firefighter. He also taught clinical procedures at ICO.

1978

Richard F. Noyes, of Marion, Iowa, died April 1, 2012. He was the owner of Iowa EyeCare, one of the largest optometric practices in the state, with locations in Marion, Cedar Rapids, Robins and Hiawatha. He served in every position on the Iowa Optometric Association Board of Trustees, including President from 1990 to 1991. In 1993, he was selected Iowa Optometrist of the Year. He led 13 missions to Haiti, delivering free vision care to more than 100,000 people.

1982

Ron Vandenberg, of Bettendorf, Iowa, died unexpectedly on May 22, 2012. He was a sole practitioner in Bettendorf for many years.



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A SECOND LOOK

Mary Lou French, OD, MEd, FAAO

CURRENT POSITION:

Owner of Children's & Family Eyecare in Orland Park, Illinois

FAMILY LIFE: Three adult children, ages 30, 27 and 25

ICO CLASS OF: 1977



THEN

When and how did you decide to pursue a career in optometry?

When I was 11 and got my first pair of glasses, the optometrist made an off-hand remark that it was a good field for women. He was very prescient because women didn't really have careers back then. Fast forward to the early 1970s – my youngest sister was diagnosed with Duane's Retraction Syndrome and the partner of my optometrist did vision therapy with her. I was in college at that time, struggling with a decision on a future career, and I remembered what my original optometrist said, so I applied to ICO. I was accepted and the rest is history.

Why did you choose ICO?

It was near home and the only place I applied. After doing my undergraduate at Loyola, I was working full-time and going to school at night, so ICO was my only option.

What was your best memory of your time at ICO?

All of it, really. I enjoyed every bit of my time there – the students, the faculty, the classes. I made good friends whom I still see today. I just had dinner with two of my classmates this past week. That really is the highlight for me.

What did you do right after graduation?

I worked in a private practice doing vision therapy, and I worked in the clinic at ICO and in a clinic for disabled patients. I also got married right after I graduated – to a man one of my ICO friends had set me up with on a blind date!

NOW

What kind of work do you do now?

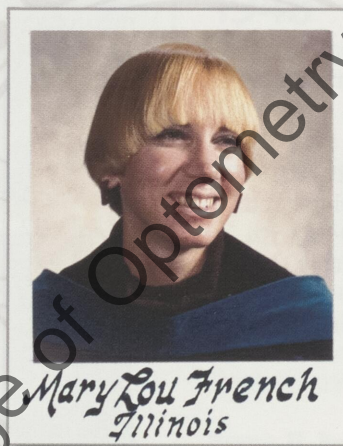
I own a private practice in Orland Park, a southwest suburb of Chicago. I opened the practice with a partner in 1979, and I've been the solo owner for 16 years. My focus has been primarily on children, although I am starting to become more of a general doctor because my patients' parents and grandparents want to see me, too.

I got involved with vision therapy when I was at ICO and that just evolved into working with children when I got out. I got my master's degree from the Erickson Institute for Early Childhood Development to give me more credibility with teachers.

I was at ICO's Practice Opportunities Symposium this past March and many students asked where I did my residency. I told them that residencies in binocular vision or pediatrics were not available then, so I was not able to do one – and that they have wonderful opportunities that I did not have.

How are you involved with ICO now?

I participate in the Practice Opportunities Symposium, I'm a member of the Leadership Circle and I own a chair in the Lecture Center as part of the Name a Seat campaign. I'm very proud of that seat – I got to sit in it when I was at the Practice Opportunities Symposium! ICO was worth every penny I earned and borrowed to go there. It gave me the opportunity to have a job that I love, even today!



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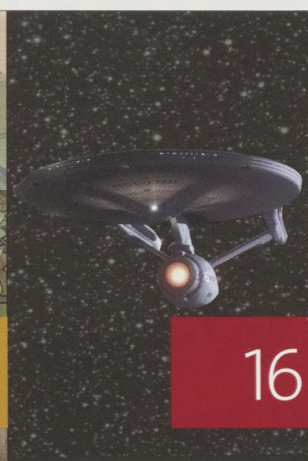
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ROADMAP TO ICO'S FUTURE



**WE'RE
BUILDING
ICO'S NEW
STRATEGIC
PLAN AND
WANT TO
HEAR FROM
YOU**

Imagine that it's 2017. What is ICO doing differently or better?

Currently, a Strategic Planning Committee is developing a five-year strategic plan for the institution. Over the next few months, we want **you** to share ideas for moving ICO forward.

It's easy!

Please email the committee at **spc@ico.edu** or mail your ideas to:

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Five years ago, ICO launched an ambitious strategic plan, "Focus on Our Future" (2007-2012). The plan had five major initiatives that embodied the core goals and values of the institution:

- To foster excellence in education of students and related progressive experiences in patient care
- To optimize the clinical education opportunities in patient care
- To define ICO's organizational structure, reporting relationships, and goals and objectives to be consistent with ICO's mission
- To provide for long-term investment in or replacement of ICO's assets including facilities, equipment and faculty, and provide for the eventual repayment of ICO's outstanding bonds
- To improve ICO's financial operating results

I am pleased to report that by following this most recent strategic plan we have had a profound impact on the progress of the institution. The vast majority of our planning goals have been achieved. During this five-year period, ICO's progress has included:

- Many measures of excellence in the outcomes of our education of students and residents
- Rich and growing patient care activities at the Illinois Eye Institute which provide excellent optometric clinical experiences
- New and evolving patient-centered elective courses added to the curriculum
- A Project Accountability Model which has allowed the redefinition of our organizational structure while meeting the mission of ICO and doing so in a budget-appropriate manner
- New high-tech learning spaces, including the renovated Eyepod and Lecture Center
- Fiscally responsible operations that positioned the college competitively while at the same time allowing ICO to acquire new property, enhance capital equipment replacement and grow our net worth

Our success in addressing "Focus on Our Future" has put ICO in the driver's seat for re-imagining our next five-year strategic plan, which will be presented to the ICO Board of Trustees in the spring of 2013.

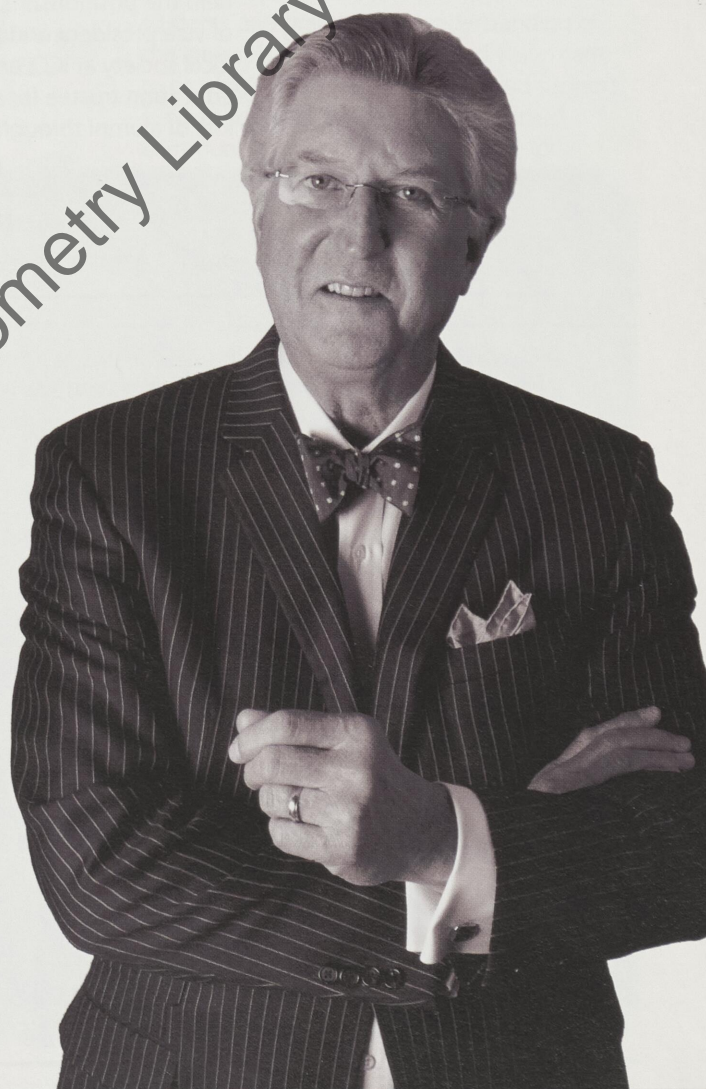
I wish to thank the whole ICO family for their collective work in the strategic plan's success, and feel confident that our aims for the future will also move the college dramatically forward.



Arol Augsburger, OD
President

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

A Message From the President



ICO Alumnus, Professor Named IOA President

On Sept. 29, **Geoffrey Goodfellow, OD '01** became the latest in a long line of ICO alumni to assume the role of Illinois Optometric Association president. He was inaugurated during the 2012 IOA Convention in Springfield, succeeding **Sandra Bury, OD '95. Robert Quilleash, OD '99** was named president-elect.

"I've been involved with the IOA for over a decade, so becoming president really represents the time that I've put into the organization," says Dr. Goodfellow, who previously held the positions of vice president and president of the IOA's local society at ICO, and served as the IOA's education trustee for six years. "ICO has had lots of alumni throughout the state serve as



Drs. Goodfellow and Bury

IOA president, but we've never had a faculty member that has been in this position, so it's exciting for the college."

During his tenure as IOA president, one of Dr. Goodfellow's primary goals is to breathe new life into the organization's committees, thereby engaging more members. "With any organization, the more you can get people involved, the better the organization is."

In his inauguration speech, Dr. Goodfellow reflected on the current state of the profession. "Optometry nationally has been its own worst enemy lately," he told the audience. "We need not agree on everything, but we should promise to stay on the same team and work through our differences. Now fitting in this Springfield venue to remember Lincoln's words, 'a house divided against itself cannot stand.' We are all contractors on this same optometric house."

ICO at IOA

Alumni who have served as IOA president in the last 60 years

2011-12
Sandra Bury '95

2010-11
Scott Wooley '88

2009-10
Dennis Brtva '84

2008-09
Robert Blumthal '81

2007-08
Charlotte Nielsen '92

2006-07
Gregg Eubanks '81

2005-06
Louise Sclafani '89

2004-05
Dennis Rabe '87

2003-04
Pamela Lowe '88

2002-02
Steve Leon '80

2001-02
Todd Bussian '84

1999-2000
Vincent Brandys '90

1998-99
Gary Gray '79

1997-98
Peter Kehoe '84

1996-1997
James Strieter CCO '54

1995-96
Walter Zinn CCO '51

1994-95
Gary Lasken '73

1988-1990
Floyd Woods CCO '51

1986-88
Martin Sikorski '66

1984-86
Allen Baker NICO '42

1982-1984
Paul Randolph '56

1980-1982
Wayne Gordon CCO '50

1978-80
Thaddeus Depukat '60

1976-78
James Stafford MCO '47

1972-74
Earnest Havrilla CCO '52

1971-1972
Henry Luckhardt MCO '47

1969-70
Floyd Mizener MCO '48

1968-69
Albert Bucar NICO '55

1966-1968
Stanley Maer NICO '43

1965-1966
Jack Potter NICO '38

1963-1965
Mario Rubinelli NICO '38

1961-1962
Stephen Gard MCO '47

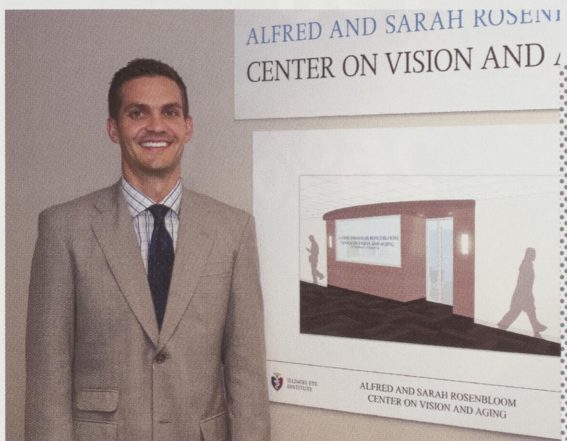
1957-58
Ralph Barton '46

1956-1960
William Dale NICO '35

1955-1956
James Gardner NICO '37

1953-1954
Jerome Conlogue NICO '33

Dr. Eric Baas '06 Named Rosenbloom Center Service Chief



Dr. Baas

On Sept. 17, **Eric A. Baas, OD '06, FFAO** assumed the role of service chief for the Alfred and Sarah Rosenbloom Center on Vision and Aging at the Illinois Eye Institute. In addition to his position at the IEI, Dr. Baas is now a full-time faculty member at ICO. The owner of the Chicago-based private practice Marketplace Vision, Dr. Baas has worked at ICO since 2007 as an assistant clinical instructor.

"Dr. Baas is well trained in the facets of eye disease as it relates to geriatric populations," says **Dr. Leonard Messner**, executive director and vice president for patient care services at the IEI.

"Additionally, he has significant experience within the low vision arena. So he is somewhat of a unique provider in that he bridges the spectrum of primary eye care to the geriatric population with cognizance of the low vision options that are available to partially sighted individuals."

As service chief for the Rosenbloom Center, Dr. Baas is responsible for all clinical practice activities at the Center, as well as for all of the College's service-related educational activities. Other responsibilities of the position include developing the Center's marketing plan, managing quality assurance and compliance issues, and creating a continuing education geriatric program.

"As a fourth year student, I knew that I ultimately wanted to return to ICO in a role that allowed me to have the greatest and most influential impact on students, fellow faculty, and patients alike," says Dr. Baas. "This exciting new position represents an ideal combination of clinical practice management and education, all the while paying tribute to, and continuing the legacy of, a true pioneer and role model in our profession."

The Rosenbloom Center will ultimately have four essential functions: to promote optometry students' and practitioners' understanding of the inter-relatedness of aging and vision care; to provide vision care, counseling and support services for older adults and underserved communities in and around Chicago; to develop ongoing relationships with selected geriatric care facilities in the Chicago area for education and patient care services; and to sponsor vision-related geriatric research.



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Learn more about Dr. Baas at www.ico.edu/Baas

Meet ICO's New Bloggers

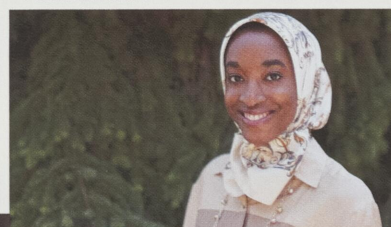
One of the most frequently asked questions prospective students have is, "What's life like at ICO?" We launched a blog in September so that applicants can get the skinny straight from the people who know best: our current students. First years **Adrienne Chan** and

Fatima Ibrahim, second year **Jennifer Tai** and fourth year **Danny Nguyen** will be posting twice a week about everything from the interview process to studying for exams to life in Chicago. Read the bloggers' writing at blog.ico.edu.

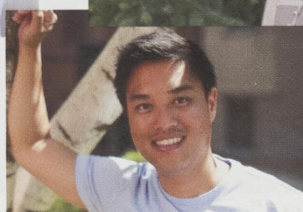
Adrienne Chan



Fatima Ibrahim



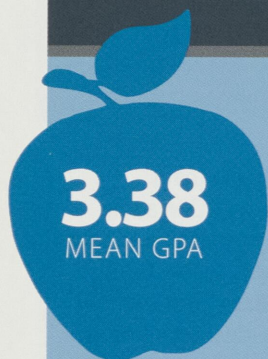
Jennifer Tai



Danny Nguyen

ICO CLASS OF 2016

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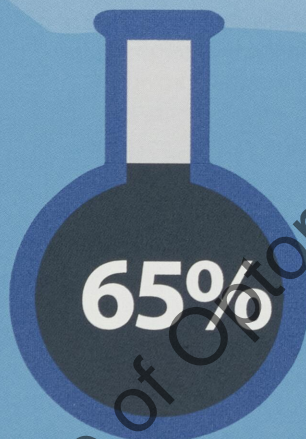
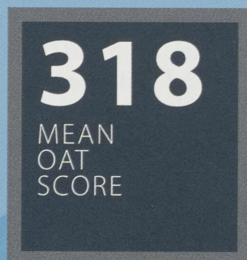
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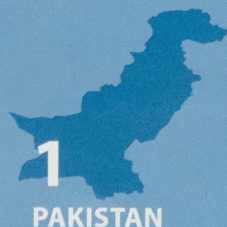
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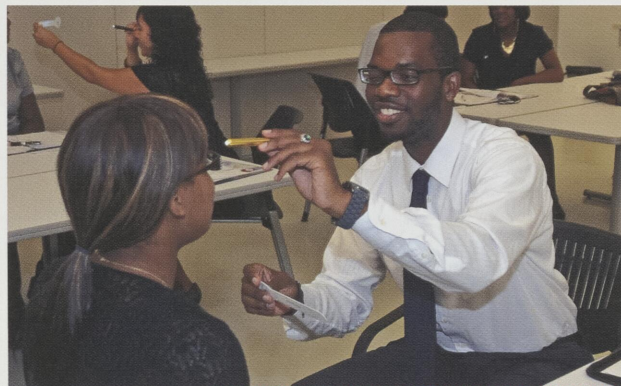


Focus On Your Future

Before the class of 2016 arrived, 14 new faces were already on campus the week of July 9-13 for ICO's fifth annual Focus On Your Future program. Organized by admissions/marketing director Teisha Johnson, the program offers underrepresented minority undergraduate students the opportunity to spend a week in the Residential Complex free of charge and learn more about optometry. The agenda included an introduction to specialties and a day in the ophthalmic optics lab. Eleven participants have matriculated at ICO since Focus on Your Future began in 2008.

Participants from across the country took part in the program, including Chicago resident **Alexander Adegunwa**, a 2011 graduate of

DePaul University. Among the week's highlights he cited were bonding with other participants and learning about vision therapy during a visit to the Plano Vision Center with **Stephanie Johnson-Brown, OD '78**. Adegunwa's response when asked if he would be applying to ICO? "Of course!"



Alexander Adegunwa

Alumni Help Plan New Conference

Think about the typical conference experience: After hanging out at the airport for a few hours, getting on a plane and checking into your hotel, you attend sessions, network with colleagues, interact with vendors in the exhibit hall, maybe nosh on a piece of pizza between presentations. Now imagine accessing all of a conference's essentials from the convenience of your home or office—no travel required.

Seeing Is Believing is billed as "optometry's first virtual conference dedicated to teaching practitioners about the power of online tools, techniques and technology." Scheduled for Jan. 30-31, 2013, SIB is the brainchild of Daniel Rostenne, CEO of the optometric web consulting company EyeCarePro; and Dr. Alan Glazier, an optometrist in Maryland and an industry leader in social media and internet marketing. Among the optometrists serving on the conference planning board are two ICO alumni: **Nathan Bonilla-Warford, OD '04, FFAO** and **Neil Gailmard, OD '76, MBA, FFAO**, who was recruited because of his experience in teaching about practice management.

"I think they wanted my input on how to design an educational program," says Dr. Gailmard, who will also present at the conference. "There are so many exciting new ways to market an

optometric practice today, with electronic media, social media, websites, email, text. I use them in my own practice and I advise my consulting clients about how to use them to build and grow their practices."

SIB's interface will simulate that of a real conference. Attendees will access a website that takes them into what looks like a convention, complete with avatars standing outside of conference rooms as they wait for doors to open; signage for workshops; and vendor exhibit booths. "It's the coolest thing you've ever seen," says Dr. Gailmard.

Should conference-goers get hungry, SIB organizers have worked out an arrangement with Domino's Pizza. Attendees can click on the Domino's sign within the conference site, and pizza and soft drinks will be delivered within 20 minutes to wherever they are.

Other features of SIB include video conferencing, offline private meetings, and a booth for optometric students to explore practice opportunities. Dr. Gailmard views the conference as reflective of the direction the industry is heading. "It's a very electronic world out there, and optometrists need to embrace that."

FOR MORE INFO

on Seeing is Believing, check out www.sib2013.com

ICOllympics 2012



When the Class of 2012—the three-time reigning champs—graduated, the title race for IColympics champions was left wide open. In the end, the second years won the competition on Aug. 18 decisively, with 360 points—150 points more than their closest rivals, the third years.

The annual contest again took place at Morton Park, on the grounds of the Illinois Institute of Technology. For four hours—as faculty and staff watched from the sidelines—students competed in such events as volleyball, 16-inch softball,

tug-of-war and a water balloon toss.

Though the first years didn't have the easiest time of it during their initial games, coming in third, the Class of 2016 did manage to sweep the men's and women's limbo competitions. **Scott Gabreski** and **Vivien Yip** danced to new lows as dozens of students circled around, effusively oohing and aahing every move. "She was incredible. She got, like, down here," said third year **Dave Turner** of Yip, as he motioned a foot above the ground. "It was unreal."



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2012 READERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Earlier this year, we issued a survey to determine if readers are satisfied with the content and design of *ICO Matters*. This was our second readership survey; following the first one, conducted in 2009, we redesigned and refocused the content in order to better connect with ICO alumni. We also launched a digital edition of the magazine in 2011. Thanks to the hundreds of you who completed the 2012 survey. We've compared some of the results of the two surveys in this infographic.

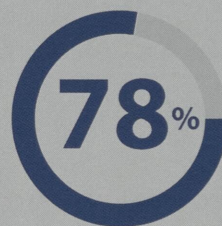

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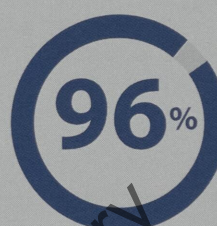
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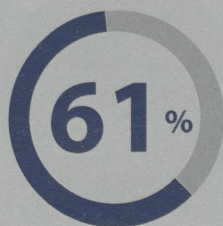


IN GENERAL, HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH *ICO MATTERS*?

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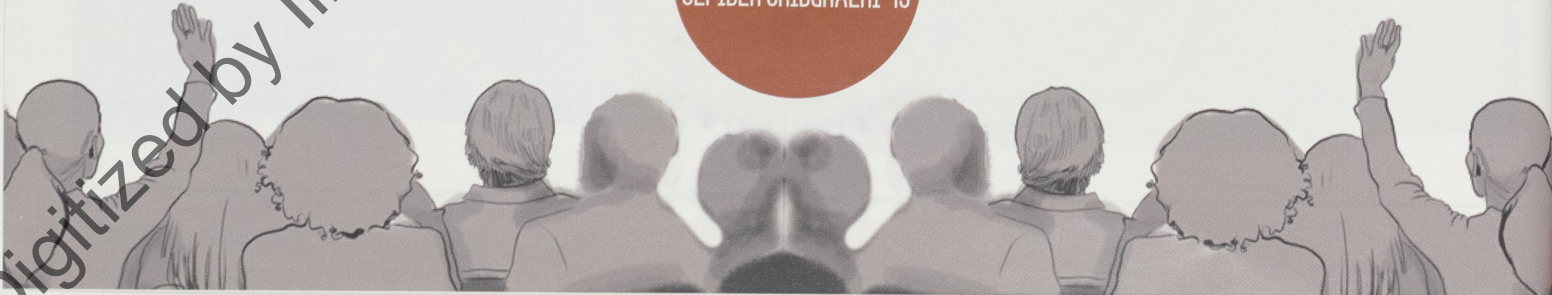
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ESSENTIAL ICO EXPERIENCES

Those of us involved in the planning of *ICO Matters* wanted to end our 140th anniversary year with a bang, by running a cover story about alums' and students' top memories of ICO. We sought responses by email and on Facebook, we tweeted, we even asked folks at Homecoming to use good old-fashioned pen and paper—and we're pretty darn pleased with the 64 we ended up with. Spanning seven decades, the recollections run the gamut from favorite professors and practice opportunities to watering holes (there were more than a couple Blind Spot mentions) and wild nights. We hope you enjoy the trip down memory lane.

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SEPIDEH OMIDGHAEMI '15



Clusters of students and professors gazed up at the daytime sky from the Courtyard. We wore pinhole eye shields and marveled together at the solar eclipse.

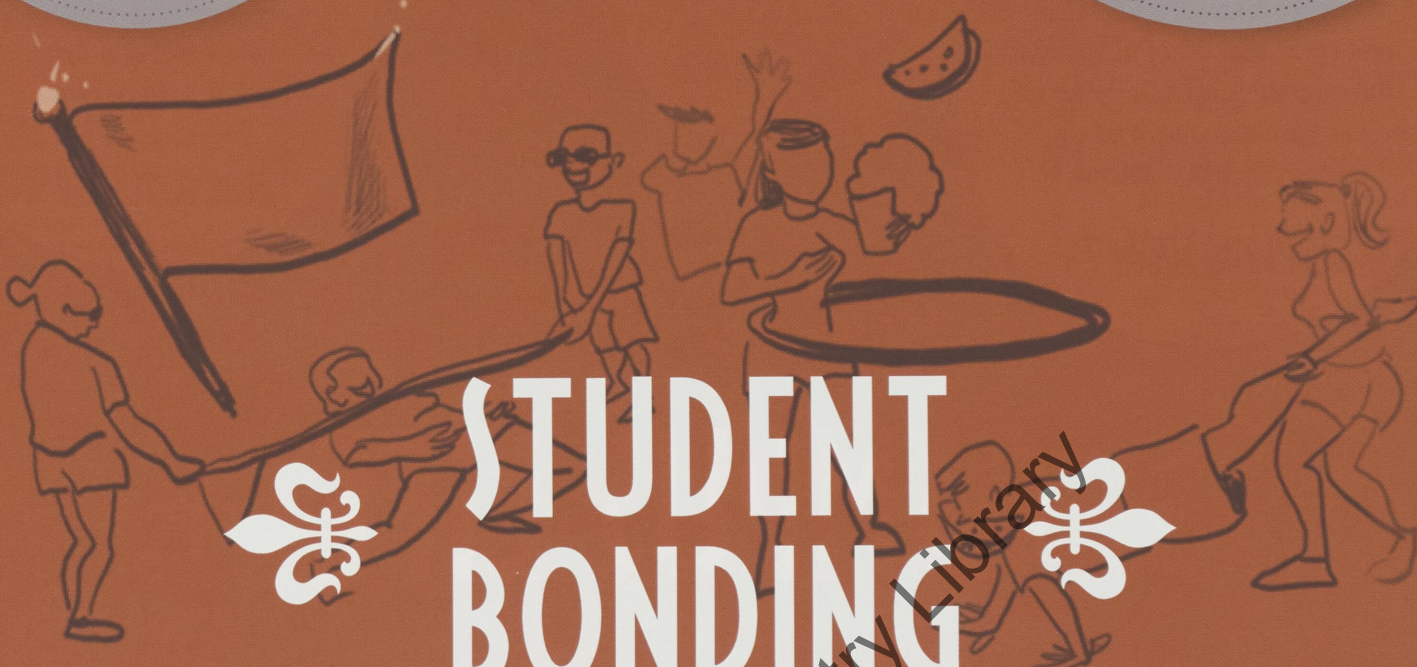
DIANE SLOTEMAKER '97

Going to a party with classmates and then streaking across Lake Shore Drive to skinny-dip in Lake Michigan.

ROBIN RINEARSON '77

I was minding my own business at a Blind Spot party when my roommate introduced me to a pretty lady from a different class. Before I knew it, I'd married her, gone into private practice with her and raised two boys with her.

MARK OLMSTED '86
(MARRIED TO CHRISTINE OLMSTED '89)



STUDENT BONDING

I married one of the two female students in our class, Lorayne Pocius, and suggested that she and her sister Pat [also '47] form a practice with the motto 'Correct your focus with Pocius and Pocius.'

R. ELLIOT POLITSER '47

Members of the September '48 class—over 400 of us—were all gathered in a church for orientation. About 10 minutes into the session, a man sitting near the front got up and said, 'This is the damndest service I have ever heard,' and stormed out.

MORRIE DUBIN '48

Attending The Vision Care Institute in Jacksonville, Fla., the weekend after Boards Part I: Contact lenses, students from all the optometry schools and lots of fun!

NATASHA KRZIANOWSKI '13

Sharing a limo ride with friends and roommates to the Eye Ball.

JEFFREY VARANELLI '98

Christmas parties with my roommates in our apartment. We always purchased a small tree and shared dinner and a gift exchange.

STACY HINKEMEYER
COLATRELLA '96

Best downtime
ever—the Blind Spot.

PAMELA LOWE '88

The Blind Spot that
occurred every Friday at 3
p.m. All of the faculty and
students came.

MARY FLYNN ROBERTS '91

Waking up under a
sawhorse in the parking
lot after a dorm bachelor
party—a fun night.

ANONYMOUS '82

Living in the RC—it
so convenient.

KELLI THEISEN '14

Having the local alderman in
Bridgeport knock on the door
and insist that all of us vote for
the original Mayor Daley—even
though none of us
were Chicago residents.

ROBIN RINEARSON '77

The third year end of finals
party—it was the best way to
celebrate completing three years
at ICO and say goodbye before
leaving for externships.

JORDAN T. BIERMAN '13

The extra long twin
mattresses in Brady Hall
required a trip to a big box
store for sheets. Back in '93,
that meant a drive
to Cicero Avenue.

DIANE SLOTEMAKER '97

CAMPUS LIFE

Working as a TA in the
Anatomy Lab.

KELLI THEISEN '14

The annual Hat Day
in the late '70s.

THOMAS POSWILKO '79

The big snow of '79—as
a second year commuter
student with my car snowed
in, I froze riding the CTA.

GARY HAUSER '81

The big snow of '67—I
slipped on the clinic steps
within the first hour of
snowfall and fractured my
ankle. I was in a cast, on
crutches and with a cane all
through the aftermath.

E.D. ATTAYA '67

Being involved with the SA
and other campus groups—I
saw how passionate faculty
and alumni were about ICO
and optometry, which showed
me the kind of active
doctor I could be.

ANDREA MCCANN '04

Dr. Tennant was the joy of my experience at the school. A finer man never lived.

ROBIN RINEARSON '77

I remember Dr. Abplanalp lecturing in stocking feet.

STACY HINKMEYER
COLATRELLA '96

Pranking Dr. Leshner on April Fools' Day: He never wore a shirt that wasn't blue, so everyone in the class wore a blue dress shirt to match him. Then we all pitched in and got him a pink dress shirt, which he proudly wears now!

ABBY JAKOB '14

President Strawn scowled at me each time we encountered one another in passing, especially on those occasions when I wore my multi-zippered, Marlon Brando-style black leather jacket, indicating that my Harley was probably parked next to his Cadillac in the ICO parking lot.

E. D. ATTAYA '67

Dr. Goodfellow's Optics course.

KELLI THEISEN '14

Dr. Tennant slamming his wooden pointer on the desk to get the class quiet.

THOMAS POSWILKO '79

The day Dr. Harthan surprised us with jumbo bags of candy in our disease class.

RACHEL KLUIZ '15

Working with Dr. Opitz in Advanced Care was a phenomenal educational experience. His approach to delivering a diagnosis of glaucoma to his patients and aiding them emotionally should be the model taught in courses.

MATTHEW MERGENTHALER '14

Getting many pearls of optometry wisdom in Dr. Hodur's Optics classes!

KEATON CORNISH '13

Watching Dr. Paul Abplanalp lecture. He would start off cool and collected, and by midway would always take off his sportcoat because he became so animated. We all joked that lecture doesn't get really good until the coat comes off.

GEOFFREY GOODFELLOW '01

PROFESSORS & STAFF

Hugh Ashby, the comptroller, was mild-mannered and compassionate. On more than one occasion he arranged augmentation of my government-sponsored loans, without which my ICO enrollment would have terminated.

E. D. ATTAYA '67

Dr. Newton Wesley introduced me to contact lenses in 1946.

R. ELLIOT POLITSER '47

The Rosenblooms held a party at their Hyde Park apartment for all the married first years. I was one of a dozen or so female students in my class and the only married one at that time. The gathering made me feel so welcome.

LINDA SLAVONIC MURRAY '78

Yoga with Dr. Z.
KELLI THEISEN '14

President Eugene Strawn was authoritative, paternal and demanding. He called my classmate and me on the carpet for cashing checks at the Marina City bar. The checks we were awarded in recognition of our second- and first-place freshman class standings, respectively. Our actions were deemed to have reflected poorly upon the institution and the profession.

E.D. ATTAYA '67

Dr. Carl Shepard, the head of the research department, told me 'Never ask me about what you know, tell me what you do not know.'

MORTON DAVIS '50

Challenging and caring professors like Ted Tobias, Al Rosenbloom, A.B. Ross and Paul Schulman.

SYLVIO DUPUIS '57

We developed a note-taking service to assist the students. Included in the notes was a count of Dr. Feshima's quips: 'It's like falling off a log.' 'Easy as duck soup.' 'Um.'

ROBIN RINEARSON '77

Professor Gary Porter's famous Ocular Anatomy lecture quote: 'Only one man knows, and he's not telling.'

THOMAS POSWILKO '79

Dr. Roberts always checked my patients and intently examined their lenses. I figured I missed something and got very concerned. Turns out he was conducting P&S research.

NICK COLATRELLA '96

Driving to the Taco Bell in Wrigleyville at 2 a.m. while studying for first year fall finals, then realizing it was the Friday of Halloween weekend. It took forever, but the costumes were ridiculously awesome. In the end it took so long that we decided DiGiorno would suffice, so we went to Jewel instead.

NICKOLAS HUISMAN '14

Pequod's Pizza—best pizza in the city.

ANDREA MCCANN '04

Late-night dancing at the Limelight downtown, especially after Monday tests. It's probably not there anymore, but it was the best late-night venue for dancing, performance art, and really, really loud bass.

LORI LATOWSKI GROVER '90

Celebrating at the Hangge-Uppe after a weekend of studying and Monday quizzes.

STACY HINKEMEYER
COLATRELLA '96

OUT & ABOUT

Trivia nights at Bull & Bear or the Weather Mark.

APRIL STURSMA '14

Piling in the car for road trips up Lake Shore Drive to Evanston for wings and burgers at Buffalo Joes.

LORI LATOWSKI GROVER '90

Any of the museums—the Shedd Aquarium and the Field Museum are my personal favorites.

APRIL STURSMA '14

In 1980, I saw concerts by the Ramones, ZZ Top, Talking Heads and The Police, all for less than \$10 a pop.

GARY HAUSER '81

The Tip Top Tap at the Allerton Hotel.

SYLVIO DUPUIS '57

Joe's is a big tradition the first Tuesday of each quarter.

RICH DELANO '15

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Walking to Sox games.

STACY HINKEMEYER
COLATRELLA '96

Running along the
lakeshore with my best
friends.

SARABJIT KAUR '13

Taking a group to their
first White Sox game at
Comiskey Park, during the
Disco Demolition fiasco
with Detroit—going onto
the field, Chicago Police in
riot gear and a crazy game.

ANONYMOUS '82

SPORTS & RECREATION

Participating in
IM sports.

CATHERINE LIU '15

Relaxing after class
by biking along the
lakefront path.

ALISA NOLA '14

Playing for ICO's
basketball team for
coach Dr. Jimmy Gardner
during the 1964-65
season. We lost every
game. Are season tickets
available for the 2012-13
season?

CONRAD STOLL '67

Having a clinic
attached to the
school.

NAZY RASTEGAR '15

Working the Chicago
Fire vision screening.

ELLIE DANESHVAR '14

I remember being
present at the first
soft contact lens
fitting.

VERNON ROUDEBUSH '57

PATIENT CARE & MISSION TRIPS

Volunteering for the
special Olympics vision
screening—so much fun
and so rewarding!

ROSE PURDY '15

FCO mission trips
to Honduras and
Guatemala.

CATHERINE LIU '15

It was a pleasure to
be a part of patient
care in a busy clinic.

PAMELA LOWE '88

Going on a SVOSH
mission trip to Peru
this past year. It was an
amazing, educational, and
rewarding trip that will
stay with me forever!

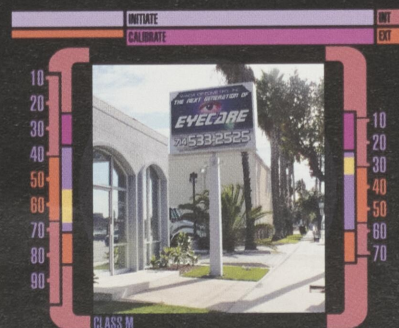
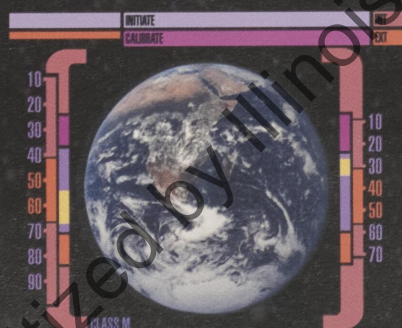
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ICO ALUM GIVES PATIENTS
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hen Garrett Wada was a student at ICO in the early '90s, he and some classmates decided to put on their Star Trek uniforms and head to the popular convention in Chicago dedicated to the iconic television show and feature films. They had some fun and were able to meet actor Patrick Stewart, who played Captain Jean-Luc Picard in "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

What Dr. Wada didn't realize at the time was that he was actually preparing for his next role, too, as the optometrist who brings a little Trekkie to his practice.

Dr. Wada, who graduated from ICO in 1993, owns Wada Optometry, a full-service optometry practice in Anaheim, Calif., with a décor dedicated to all things Star Trek. There's a waiting area that's a replica of the bridge of the Enterprise; life-sized cut-outs of crew members positioned throughout the office; and, from the "Star Trek: Voyager" series, Seven of Nine's science station and the actual Borg regeneration panel, purchased from a prop maker on the show. The sign outside invites patients to experience "The Next Generation of Eyecare," and stepping through the doors is an experience unlike any other doctor's office. "I thought it would be kind of interesting to give a theme to the office," Dr. Wada says. "It generates a lot of referrals. Patients always say how their friend or family member would love this place. I think more doctors should make a theme to their practices and get away from the traditional offices."

BUILDING THE ENTERPRISE

Dr. Wada purchased his practice from a retiring optometrist shortly after graduating from ICO and returning to his home state of California. He put up a few small pieces of Star Trek memorabilia to make the office more interesting and generate conversations with patients. One of his patients happened to be an accomplished movie set designer, and he remarked during an exam that he could help Dr. Wada expand on his idea. He'd worked on several feature films, including Jim Carrey's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and he used his expertise for the initial transformation of Dr. Wada's practice from traditional to Trekkie.

Dr. Wada continued to add more details to his theme as he moved toward purchasing the building six years ago. He made sure every corner of the practice lets patients know they are somewhere special and different. The result, he says, is a theme that is both interesting to patients and communicates that his is a cutting-edge practice. He prides himself on having the latest optometric tools, including automated phoropters, fundus cameras, corneal topographers and rotating instrument tables. He also has a lens lab in the building so he can offer his patients a quick turnaround on glasses.

"I have state-of-the-art equipment in the office," Dr. Wada says. "Yes, I do like Star Trek a lot, but I also thought that bringing all this technology into the office and creating an atmosphere highlighting that technology would be very interesting."





THE RIGHT CREW

Dr. Wada's team consists of an associate, Jean Hoang, OD, and five staff members. His office manager, Ann Yoshimitsu, says the distinctive décor is one of the appeals of the practice.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was very interesting and more of a fun environment, and it definitely has been," says Yoshimitsu, who has worked for Dr. Wada for 10 years. "It's the same when people come in and say, 'Whoa, where am I?' and they realize it is fun but also very professional."

She and the other staff witness that same reaction every day when a new patient walks through the door. She says they often wonder at first if they are in a doctor's office, and then it becomes a way to get the conversation started and make them feel at ease. Many times, a new patient will go home and tell friends and family they need to come in and see Dr. Wada's office for themselves – generating new patients for the practice.

"Word really gets around," she says. "When the last Star Trek movie came out, I was in line and heard someone behind me tell their friends about our office and said they had to go check it out. People will come just to look at it."

Meggan Marengo doesn't consider herself a Star Trek fan, but says she was captivated by the décor the minute she walked in the door more than a decade ago. Her husband, Robert, is now a patient, as are their two daughters, Scarlet, 8, and Sailor, 5. She says her girls also aren't Star Trek fans, but they think it's very cool to step inside a spaceship for an eye exam, making it easier for their mom to get them there.

"I loved it right away," Marengo says. "Before I even met Dr. Wada, I thought 'I am going to love it here.' And I did. Now my kids go there and they love it, which makes it much easier for me."

Marengo also worked with Dr. Wada to provide prescription safety goggles to employees at her previous job, and she would enjoy hearing people's reactions when they returned from visiting his office. She said it is always a professional place, but has a big enough twist to distinguish it from every other practice out there.

"The Star Trek theme enhances the ambiance of being modern and current with technology," she says. "Most people assume his services are advanced just by looking at this office, and it makes people curious about what he offers besides the obvious vision care."

THE NEXT FRONTIER

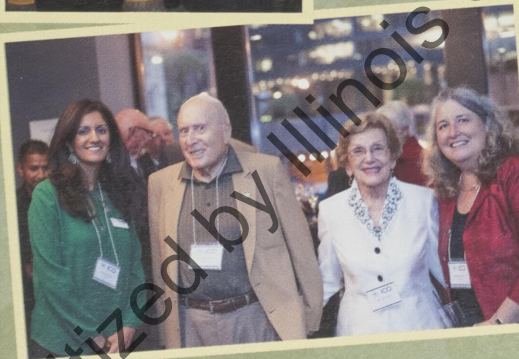
Dr. Wada knows he is light years from where he was as a student at ICO more than two decades ago. He is grateful for the opportunities ICO gave him as a student and for the advantage some creative decorating has given him in the marketplace. He encourages new doctors to seek ways to distinguish themselves as they build their careers.

"The opportunity to open your own practice is still there, but it is a little tougher these days," he says. "You have to be a little bit unique and set yourself apart from others. I've done this over a process of many years. I started my office hanging Star Trek models and having a few mementos and then it grew into what it is now."



Homecoming 2012

With the Hard Rock Hotel as the setting for such Homecoming 2012 events as the Alumni Association awards program, cocktail reception and reunion dinner, and the 50 Year Club breakfast, the weekend of Sept. 7-9 was virtually guaranteed to be swingin'. No word on whether any alumni who stayed at the hotel took advantage of the complimentary Fender guitar rentals, but at the reunion dinner the Class of 1987 did crack open a bottle of Champagne purchased during their graduation year. Millicent Knight, OP '87 in particular had a lot to rejoice: In addition to her 25th class reunion, she was the recipient of the Professional Achievement Award. Friday also marked her 10th wedding anniversary. Reunion years were those ending in two and seven, and the Class of 1982—celebrating 30 years since graduation—represented, with the most Homecoming attendees of all classes.



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AWARD RECIPIENTS

MARK K. COLIP
OD '92

Alumnus of the Year Award

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Distinguished Friend Award

MILLCENT L. KNIGHT

OD '87

Professional Achievement Award

LEONARD V. MESSNER

OD, FAAO

Excellence in Education Award

CASEY L. HOGAN

OD '97, FAAO

Humanitarian Award

ROBERT L. FAIT

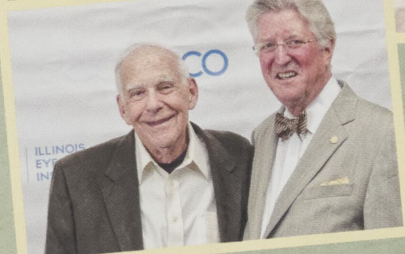
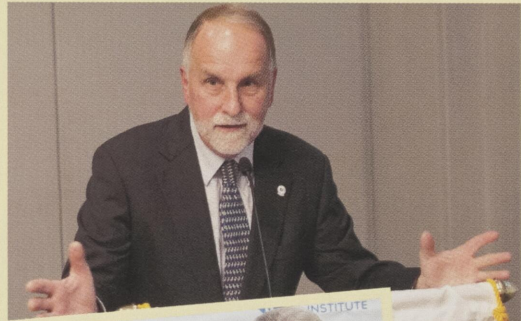
OD '68

Lifetime Service Award

NATHAN J. BONILLA-WARFORD

OD '04, FAAO

Young Alumnus of the Year Award

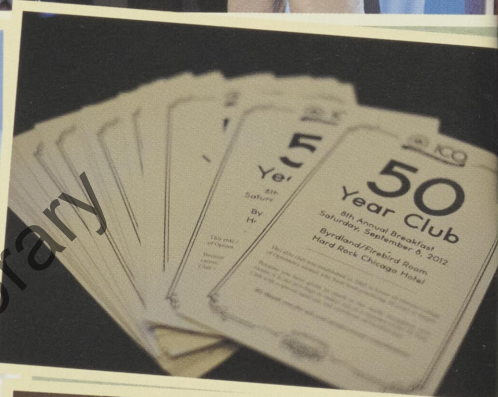
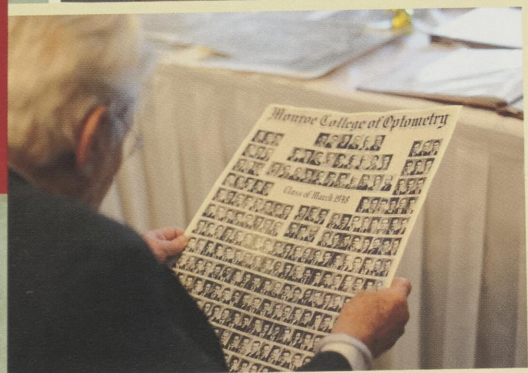


50 YEAR CLUB

FRONT ROW: Walter Brenart, OD '48; Alfred Rosenbloom, OD '48

BACK ROW: Alvin Zohn, OD '49; Gilda Preskill, OD '55; Morrie Dubin, OD '48; Sydney Harris, OD '47; President Arol Augsburger, OD; Richard Wolken, OD '57; Floyd Mizener, OD '48; Vernon Roubush, OD '57; Irene Walczak, OD '52; Morton Davis, OD '50; Glen Zucker, OD '47; Sylvio Dupuis, OD '57

NOT PICTURED: James Reilly, OD '61





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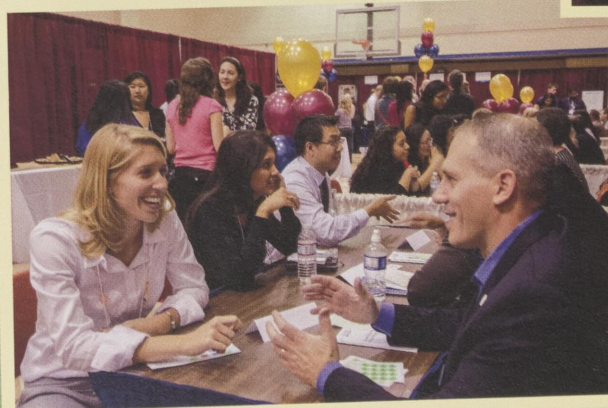
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CLASS NOTES



1 Dr. Louise Sclafani (left) and Susan Sher



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1965

John F. Amos received the 2012 Life Fellow Award from the American Academy of Optometry at the annual AAO meeting in Phoenix. A long-time member of the Academy, he was recognized for distinguished service to the profession.

1966

Brian S. Klinger retired from Harbor Eyecare in Rye, N.H., on Sept. 1 after a 46-year career.

1978

Dominick Maino served on the 3-D Symposium panel during Optometry's Meeting in Chicago in June.

1980

Marsha Benshir has been appointed to the medical staff of MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C.

1981

Duane Rutz, of Hallock, Minn., was named Optometrist of the Year by the Minnesota Optometric Association during its annual meeting.

1982

Michael W. Lamb was recognized as the 2012 Arizona Optometrist of the Year by the Arizona Optometric Association. He was also appointed by Governor Jan Brewer to serve a four-year term on the Arizona State Board of Optometry.

1980

Stanley Toompas, along with his twin brother, Stephen, has published his second book, *I'm the One the Other Isn't, Book Two: More Stevie-Stanley Stories*.

1985

Neil Margolis, of Arlington Heights, Ill., published an article about visual therapies for children with autism titled "To See or Not to See?" in the June/July 2012 issue of *Autism File*.

Margolis specializes in working with children who are non-verbal, have developmental delays, or have multiple neurological diagnoses.

1989

1 **Louise Sclafani** is vice president and event organizer for Women of Vision (WOV), an organization dedicated to mentoring female optometrists by providing education and networking. During Optometry's Meeting in June, WOV hosted keynote speaker Susan Sher, former chief of staff to First Lady Michelle Obama and presently executive vice president for corporate strategy and public affairs at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

1987

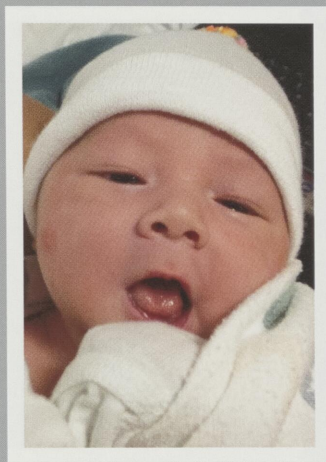
2 **Millicent Knight** was named one of 2012's Most Influential Women in Optical by *Vision Monday*.

1990

Vincent Brandys was re-elected to the Illinois Optometric Association's Board of Directors at the annual IOA meeting in September.



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- 3 **Stephen H. Eap, OD, JD**, of Long Beach, Calif., is the author of a new book, *Optometry Law*, published by Outskirts Press.

1993

Arnold Bulos, owner of The Eye Gallery in Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Mich., has teamed with Ozone House to provide free eye exams and glasses to children whose families are members of Ozone House, an agency that provides shelter and support services for runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth and their families.

1995

- 4 **Sandra Bury** has officially declared her candidacy for mayor of Oak Lawn, Ill. Bury has served on the board of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce since 1997 and has been involved in several civic projects. She lives and practices in Oak Lawn. The election is in April 2013.

2002

Brian Brightman was awarded 2012 Young Optometrist of the Year on Sept. 22 by the Nebraska Optometric Association at its annual convention.

2010

Michael V. Landy is the newest addition to Community Eyecare in Dunkirk, N.Y.

- 5 **Jessica Condie** welcomed son Maddox (Max) Barton Nguyen on July 29.

2012

Erik Mothersbaugh was ICO's recipient of the American Optometric Foundation's 2012 Award for Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

ICO faculty member **Christine Allison, OD**, was re-elected to the IOA's Board of Directors at the association's annual meeting.

John Baker, OD, has returned to ICO as assistant dean for patient care education.

Elyse Chaglasian, OD, FAAO, was appointed ICO's cornea/contact lens residency coordinator.

ICO faculty member **Katie Foreman, OD, FAAO**, welcomed son Hudson Benjamin Foreman on Sept. 28.

- 6 **Teisha Johnson, MS**, ICO's director of admissions/marketing, received the National Emerging Leadership Award on Sept. 15 at the National Association of Medial Minority Educators' annual conference.

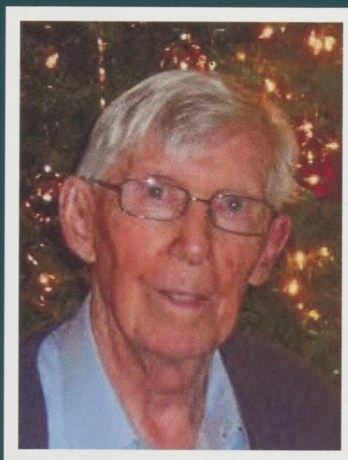
ICO resident **Cherie Nau, OD**, received the Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Award from the American Optometric Foundation.

ICO faculty member **Danielle Poole Piser, OD, FAAO** welcomed son Charlie Ellis Piser on Aug. 2.

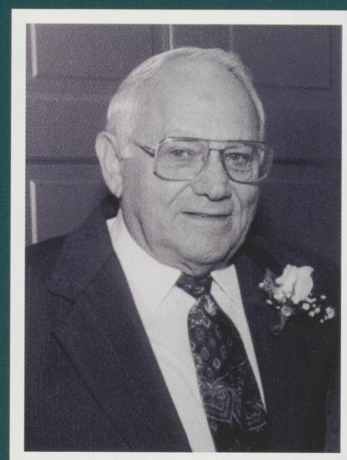
IN MEMORIAM



Martha H. "Terry" Peck



Thomas Spencer



Anthony Charles "Terry" Terrence

1936

Martha H. "Terry" Peck, NICO, of Fort Madison, Iowa, died Aug. 31. She practiced in locations throughout Iowa, including Fort Madison, Shenandoah, and Mount Pleasant, for 45 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Glenn M. Peck, NICO, '36.

1939

Robert J. Davis, NICO, of Newburgh, Ind., died April 6. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1942 to 1946. He practiced in Alabama and Henderson, Ky. He was past president of the Kentucky Optometric Association and a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

1940

Melvin A. Harper, NICO, of Elyria, Ohio, died Sept. 11. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal while serving in the U.S. Army during WWII. He practiced in Elyria for more than 50 years.

1943

Phillip Fellman, NICO, of West Palm Beach, Fla., died May 4.

1945

Albert Odey, MCO, of Warrenville, Ill., died Oct. 9. The founder and CEO of the Morrison Institute of Technology, he was also the former president of such organizations as the West Suburban Optometric Association, the Sertoma Club and the Oak Park Home Betterment Club.

1947

Richard J. Apell, NICO, of Madison, Conn., died May 30. He was head of the optometric department of the Gesell Institute of Human Development in New Haven, Conn., for 40 years.

Thomas Spencer, MCO, of Newton, Ill., died June 27. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Virginia.

1948

Samuel C. Chapman, of Liberty, Mo., died June 1. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from 1943 to 1946. He practiced in Liberty for 50 years, until he retired in 1999. He was past president of the International Association of Boards of Optometry, Missouri State Board of Optometry, Missouri Optometric Association and Greater Kansas City Optometric Society. He was also a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a member of VOSH/International.

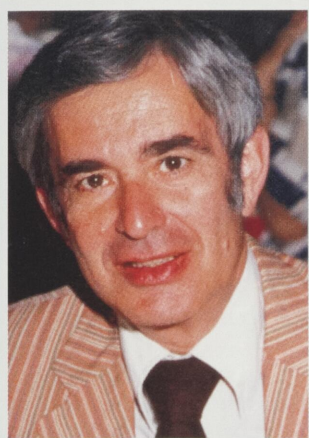
James W. Hall, Jr., of Putnam, Conn., died Aug. 27. He practiced in Putnam for 47 years.

1949

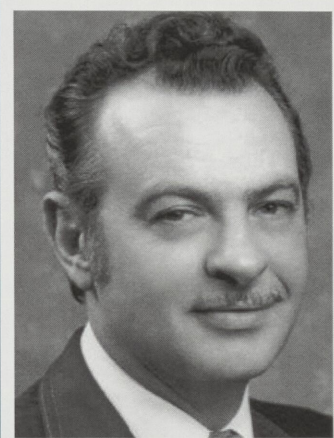
Jack W. McGonagle, NICO, of Santa Rose, Calif., died July 5.

Albert Sperry, NICO, of Lake Jackson, Texas, died July 11.

William J. "Bill" Volckmann, of Waukesha, Wisc., died June 29. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and



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Sidney H. Katzman

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was stationed in Guam as a communications officer. He practiced in Waukesha for 37 years. A member of the Waukesha Noon Lions Club for 56 years, he was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and active with the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin.

1950

Max E. Johns, NICO, died of congestive heart failure on July 26, at Casa de la Luz Hospice, in Tucson, Ariz. He served in the Fifth Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during WWII. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jodie.

John P. Jones, NICO, of Augusta, Ga., died Aug. 21. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served on the USS Chemung. He practiced for 45 years and had offices in Augusta and Louisville, Ga.

Bernard Lutzk, CCO, of Overland Park, Kan., died March 9.

Paul L. Mogyordy, NICO, of Cleveland, died June 18. He served as a medical assistant in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Donald Charles "Doc" Ruppe, of Sarasota, Fla., died Aug. 23. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during WWII. He practiced in Monticello, Ill., for 31 years. He was a member of the Illinois Optometric Association and served on the Monticello city council.

Anthony Charles "Jerry" Terrence, NICO, of Whiteville, N.C., died Sept. 7. He served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during WWII. Prior to and shortly after the war he was a professional musician. He practiced in Whiteville for more than 50 years and was active

in numerous local organizations, including the Columbus County Board of Health and the Columbus County chapter of the American Red Cross.

1953

Bernard Zakem, NICO, of Louisville, Ky., died Sept. 16. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army as part of the post-WWII occupation of Germany. He was a member of the Kentucky Optometric Association for more than 50 years.

1956

Sidney H. Katzman, of Stoughton, Mass., died June 13. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force prior to entering civilian practice. He was one of the founders of the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Detroit.

1958

John A. Perkinson, of Diamondhead, Miss., died June 11. He practiced in Woodale, Ill., for many years before retiring to Mississippi with his wife, Delores.

1967

John T. Carns, of Marinette, Wisc., died Sept. 29. He received a Bronze Star for his service as a captain in the Army Medical Service Corp. 4th Division Infantry during the Vietnam War. He practiced for 29 years and was a past president of the Wisconsin Optometry Association.

A SECOND LOOK

Brad Williams, OD

CURRENT POSITION: Founder and Chairman at the Williams Group in Lincoln, Nebraska

FAMILY LIFE: One daughter, Jennifer; one son, Steven; four grandchildren, Noah, Isabella, Cassie and Stella; married to wife Beverly since 2006

ICO CLASS OF: 1965

THEN

When and how did you decide to pursue a career in optometry?

I was raised on a ranch in north central Nebraska. My mother worked for an optometrist named Vernon Hybl in a small rural community called Ainsworth. I'd already started college—I was going to be an architect. I'm fairly creative, and I thought, 'I'm going to go nuts sitting at a desk drawing all these lines.' I was chatting with Dr. Hybl during an evening meal at my mother's house, and I told him, 'I'm not sure I've picked the right profession.' He said, 'Why don't you think about optometry? You've got the math, you've got your pre-requisites. It might be a fairly easy transition to switch to pre-optometry.' As I researched it, I became more and more interested.

Why did you choose ICO?

I asked Dr. Hybl where he went to school, and he said ICO. I was going to the University of Nebraska, and he directed me to some of his optometric friends from ICO who were practicing in Lincoln. I visited them and thought, 'This is the way for me to go.' When I spoke to the doctors in Lincoln about optometry programs, they said that there wouldn't necessarily be a big difference from an academic standpoint—obviously the schools have to teach similar courses—but they thought that the clinical experience I would gain at ICO would be the best of all the schools.

What are some of your favorite memories from your days at ICO?

Those were the days that you went through in three years. I remember it was quite a shock to my system because that first semester we were taking 26 hours of classes, whereas I was used to doing 14 or 15 at the University of Nebraska. But I really enjoyed it. I have fond memories of the instructors and their passion to help us provide great patient care. The part that I certainly enjoyed was working in the old clinic. We were in this, old, old building, and in between patients we'd go downstairs and play table tennis.

NOW

What did you do after graduation?

I practiced for five years in the same practice in Ainsworth where my mother worked. I'd been working for someone else the first year out of school. My mother

called me and told me that Dr. Hybl was selling his practice.

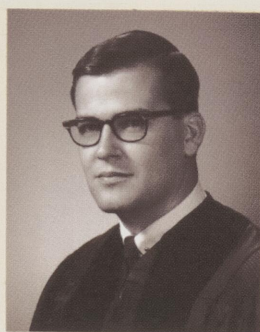
She told me, 'You need to buy this practice.' He was asking \$85,000 for the building and the practice. I said, 'Mom, I couldn't pay off \$85,000 if I practiced 85 years.' She said, 'Yes, you can. Your uncle owns the bank and he can get you a loan. This is really a good practice.' And it was. So I did that for five years. And then another optometrist named Jim Berglund enticed me to work for an international contact lens company called American Optical. I was one of the marketing managers at American Optical for seven years, and then my kids reached an age where I thought, 'I've got to stop all of this traveling.'

What kind of work do you do now?

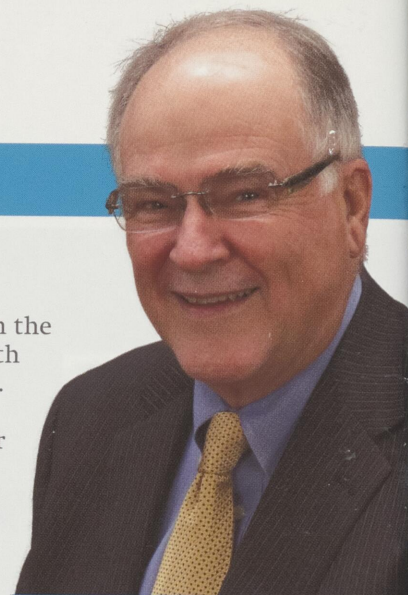
I started a practice here in Lincoln in 1980. To put food on the table, I went out and held marketing and business seminars for optometrists. I'd learned a lot about marketing and business working for American Optical, and I started building my consulting business in the early '80s. This was the early years of managed care coming on to the scene. I realized that I needed to have more expertise in the consulting business to provide the kind of education and training that doctors needed to enter this new era.

Originally, I was a one-man consulting firm, and I felt that that wasn't enough so I surrounded myself with people with degrees in finance, with degrees in human resources, and more people in marketing. We work as a team, and we have two objectives. Number one is to help our clients provide better patient care. Number two is to enhance their lifestyle. By running your operation more effectively, the net effect is that you provide better patient care. By providing training in finance and marketing, I really felt we could help doctors meet the challenges of the times. Unfortunately, in the good old days, all we had to do to be successful was to be really good eye doctors and to keep the appointment book full. But in this day and age, you really need to have the business skills. We've been at the consulting piece for 28 years.

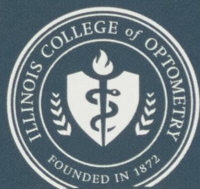
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Welcome to the newest members:

Stephen H. Eap, OD '90, JD

Jeanette Carbone Varanelli, OD '97, FAAO

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Jeffrey R. Varanelli, OD '98, FAAO, who has just completed nine years of service on the Council!



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November 5 - 10

Fall Quarter Break - No Classes

November 12

First Day of Winter Quarter

November 22 - 24

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December 13

Primary Care Grand Rounds*
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Two hours non-tested
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December 24 - January 6

Winter Break

January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
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January 24

Primary Care Grand Rounds*
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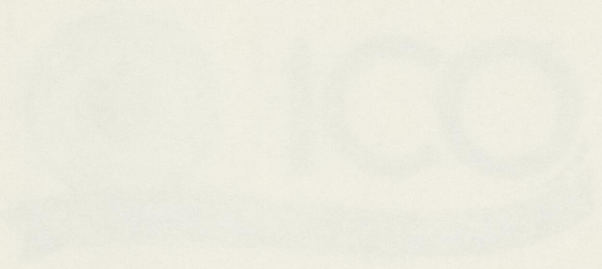
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